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By Senators Jacobsen, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Costa, Thibaudeau and Gardner

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1 AN ACT Relating to the education of foster children; and amending
2 RCW 74.13.285.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.285 and 1997 c 272 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Within available resources, the department shall prepare a
7 passport containing all known and available information concerning the
8 mental, physical, health, and educational status of the child for any
9 child who has been in a foster home for ninety consecutive days or
10 more. The information about the educational status of the child shall
11 include, at a minimum, the name, address, and phone number of each
12 school attended by the child in the past three years. The passport
13 shall be provided to a foster parent at any placement of a child
14 covered by this section. The department shall update the passport
15 during the regularly scheduled court reviews required under chapter
16 13.34 RCW.

17 New placements after July 1, 1997, shall have first priority in the
18 preparation of passports. Within available resources, the department
19 may prepare passports for any child in a foster home on July 1, 1997,

1 provided that no time spent in a foster home before July 1, 1997, shall
2 be included in the computation of the ninety days.

3 (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of this
4 section, the department shall, within available resources, notify a
5 foster parent before placement of a child of any known health
6 conditions that pose a serious threat to the child and any known
7 behavioral history that presents a serious risk of harm to the child or
8 others.

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