
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2988

State of Washington 58th Legislature 2004 Regular Session

By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt, Clements, Pearson, Bailey and McMahan)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents' rights; and adding new sections
2 to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 No department employee may retaliate against a foster parent or in
7 any other manner discriminate against any foster parent because:

8 (1) The foster parent made a complaint with the office of family
9 and children's ombudsman, the attorney general, law enforcement
10 agencies, or the department, provided information, or otherwise
11 cooperated with the investigation of such a complaint;

12 (2) The foster parent has caused to be instituted any proceedings
13 under or related to Title 13 RCW;

14 (3) The foster parent has testified or is about to testify in any
15 proceedings under or related to Title 13 RCW;

16 (4) The foster parent has advocated for services on behalf of the
17 foster child;

18 (5) The foster parent has sought to adopt a foster child in the
19 foster parent's care; or

1 (6) The foster parent has discussed or consulted with anyone
2 concerning the foster parent's rights under this chapter or chapter
3 74.15 or 13.34 RCW.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall develop procedures for the following:

7 (a) Reporting a violation of section 1 of this act;

8 (b) Disciplinary action in response to a violation of section 1 of
9 this act;

10 (c) Informing a foster parent who reports a violation of section 1
11 of this act and the regional foster parent liaison of the outcome of
12 the report; and

13 (d) Informing foster parents of the provisions of section 1 of this
14 act and the procedures developed in accordance with this subsection.

15 (2) The department shall report to the appropriate committees of
16 the legislature on the procedures developed in accordance with
17 subsection 1 of this section by January 1, 2005.

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