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Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to children in foster care with HIV.

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Declares an intent to establish a policy that corresponds to the recommendations of the American academy of pediatrics with the goal of ensuring that the health and well-being of both infants in foster care and the families providing for their care are protected.

Requires the department of social and health services to ensure that the HIV status of each child under one year of age placed in out-of-home care is determined at the earliest practicable opportunity by the child's physician.

Provides that, prior to any placement, the department of social and health services shall inform each out-of-home care provider of the HIV status, if known, of the child to be placed in that provider's care.

Requires all out-of-home care providers licensed by the department to receive training related to HIV, including prevention, transmission, infection control, treatment, testing, and confidentiality.

Provides that any disclosure of information related to HIV must be in accordance with RCW 70.24.105.