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By Senator Mulliken

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AN ACT Relating to a unique identifying number for each child 1 2 eligible for state-subsidized child care; and amending RCW 74.12.340.

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

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Sec. 1. RCW 74.12.340 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 s 111 are each amended to read as follows:

The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations 6 7 governing the provision of day care as a part of child welfare services 8 when the secretary determines that a need exists for such day care and 9 that it is in the best interests of the child, the parents, or the 10 custodial parent and in determining the need for such day care priority shall be given to geographical areas having the greatest need for such 11 12 care and to members of low_income groups in the population: PROVIDED, That where the family is financially able to pay part or all of the 13 costs of such care, fees shall be imposed and paid according to the 14 15 financial ability of the family.

16 Each child eligible for state-subsidized child care shall be 17 assigned a unique identifying number upon application for statesubsidized child care that can be used to track the attendance and 18

- 1 state financial support provided to that child. The unique identifying
- 2 <u>number assigned shall not be the applicant's social security number.</u>

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