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By House Human Services & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, Peterson, Griffey, Caldier, Goodman, Volz, Stanford, Lovick, Reeves, Klippert, Frame, Schmick, Harris, Appleton, Kretz, DeBolt, Cody, Macri, Orwall, Shea, Blake, Kloba, Doglio, Ortiz-Self, Eslick, Jenkins, Van Werven, Fey, Ormsby, Callan, Bergquist, Tarleton, and Leavitt)

READ FIRST TIME 02/19/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring traumatic brain injury screenings
2 for children entering the foster care system; adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.13 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

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

7 (1) The department, in consultation with the health plan
8 contracted to provide health care coverage to foster youth, shall
9 evaluate:

10 (a) Traumatic brain injury screening tools that could be used
11 with children entering out-of-home care as defined under RCW
12 13.34.030 and the evidence base for such tools;

13 (b) Options to include traumatic brain injury screening tools in
14 existing screens or regular health care appointments for children in
15 out-of-home care as defined under RCW 13.34.030; and

16 (c) The recommended treatment actions based on health care,
17 behavioral health care, and trauma-related best practices for youth
18 for whom a potential traumatic brain injury is identified using a
19 screening tool.

1 (2) By December 1, 2019, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
2 the department shall provide a report based on the requirements in
3 this section to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

4 (3) This section expires July 1, 2020.

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