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**HOUSE BILL 1761**

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**By** Representatives Young, Shea, Walsh, Van Werven, Kraft, and Graham

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1 AN ACT Relating to homeschooling foster youth; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 74.15 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In August 2016, the department of social  
5 and health services proposed changes to foster parent licensing  
6 forbidding the provision of home-based instruction to all children in  
7 the care and custody of the department. This rule was made effective  
8 September 19, 2016, as WAC 388-148-1525. It was then recodified as  
9 WAC 110-148-1525 with the department of children, youth, and  
10 families, effective July 1, 2018.

11 As home-based instruction can be an appropriate and effective  
12 educational model for foster youth, the legislature intends to  
13 reverse WAC 110-148-1525(1)(b) and allow foster parents to provide  
14 home-based instruction to foster youth.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.15  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 Foster youth are able to receive home-based instruction as  
18 described by RCW 28A.225.010(4), including a home-based instruction  
19 offered by a foster parent, unless expressly prohibited by court

1 order after a court finds that it would not be in the child's best  
2 interest to receive home-based instruction.

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