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**HOUSE BILL 2865**

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**By** Representatives Chambers, Shewmake, Dent, McCaslin, Callan, Gildon, Senn, and Eslick

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1 AN ACT Relating to informing families of kindergarten readiness  
2 standards; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.04  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section  
5 to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington  
8 kindergarten inventory of developing skills was implemented in 2012  
9 to measure the typical skills and characteristics of kindergarten-  
10 ready children. The legislature finds that parents, guardians, and  
11 caregivers are critical in the development process of young children  
12 and need information about what these standards are in order to help  
13 their child be prepared to enter the K-12 education system.  
14 Therefore, the legislature intends to direct public agencies to  
15 publicize guidelines designed to help parents understand the elements  
16 of kindergarten-readiness.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) By July 1, 2020, the superintendent of public instruction  
20 must develop guidelines for families that describe the typical skills

1 and characteristics of kindergarten-ready children that are assessed  
2 by the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills. The  
3 superintendent must review the guidelines annually and update the  
4 guidelines as needed.

5 (2) By July 15th of each year, the superintendent of public  
6 instruction must make the current guidelines available on its public  
7 web site and must provide an electronic brochure of the guidelines at  
8 no cost to state agencies that provide or contract for direct  
9 services for parents, caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home  
10 care, and guardians of three and four-year olds, including:

- 11 (a) The department of children, youth, and families;
- 12 (b) The department of social and health services;
- 13 (c) The department of health; and
- 14 (d) The health care authority.

15 (3) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
16 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The department must annually provide the kindergarten  
20 readiness guidelines developed under section 2 of this act to all  
21 parents, caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home care, and  
22 guardians of three and four-year old children served by the  
23 department and the department's contractors.

24 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
25 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) The department must annually provide the kindergarten  
29 readiness guidelines developed under section 2 of this act to all  
30 parents, caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home care, and  
31 guardians of three and four-year old children eligible for and  
32 receiving public assistance, as defined in RCW 74.04.005.

33 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
34 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
36 RCW to read as follows:

1           (1) The department must annually include the kindergarten  
2 readiness guidelines developed under section 2 of this act in the  
3 child profile health promotion materials that are sent to households  
4 that include three or four-year old children.

5           (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
6 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

7           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9           (1) The authority must annually provide the kindergarten  
10 readiness guidelines developed under section 2 of this act to all  
11 parents, caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home care, and  
12 guardians of three and four-year old children enrolled in the apple  
13 health for kids program.

14           (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
15 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

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