
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2323

State of Washington

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Eslick, Steele, Ramel, Reed, and Hill)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/26.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a blue envelope program; adding a
2 new section to chapter 46.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that traffic stops
5 can be tense situations for the driver and law enforcement officer,
6 and that people who are neurodiverse may react in a manner that could
7 be misunderstood in the context of a traffic stop, inadvertently
8 resulting in an escalation of the situation. The legislature,
9 therefore, intends to establish a voluntary blue envelope program to
10 enhance communication between law enforcement and community members
11 with a disability or condition that may be helpful during traffic
12 stops.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.19
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The department, in consultation with relevant stakeholders,
16 shall develop a blue envelope program for operators and passengers of
17 motor vehicles with a disability or condition that could impact the
18 way they interact with law enforcement during a traffic stop. The
19 blue envelope developed as part of the program must contain the
20 following:

1 (a) Printed information for the envelope's holder regarding
2 traffic stop safety tips;

3 (b) Printed recommendations for the responding law enforcement
4 officer with interaction techniques applicable to those who are
5 neurodiverse to help promote enhanced communication and accommodation
6 between law enforcement officers and community members; and

7 (c) Printed information on the envelope explaining that documents
8 related to the qualified individual's vehicle including, but not
9 limited to, vehicle registration documents and proof of insurance,
10 should be enclosed within the envelope.

11 (2) The blue envelope program must allow a qualified individual
12 to obtain, at no cost, a blue envelope from any driver licensing
13 office within the state.

14 (3) The department must maintain on an existing web page or
15 website clear, accessible program information and resources regarding
16 the blue envelope program.

17 (4) For purposes of this section, a person who is "neurodiverse"
18 is an individual with autism, attention deficit hyperactivity
19 disorder, bipolar disorder, developmental prosopagnosia,
20 developmental speech disorders, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyspraxia,
21 dyscalculia, dysnomia, intellectual disability, obsessive-compulsive
22 disorder, schizophrenia, sensory processing disorder, synesthesia,
23 Tourette syndrome, or a related or similar condition.

24 (5) The department is authorized to apply for, receive, and
25 accept grants and donations including services from public and
26 private entities for the purpose and intent of this section.

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