
HOUSE BILL 2053

State of Washington

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By Representatives Young, Shea, and Taylor

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.

9 As home-based instruction can be an appropriate and effective
10 educational model for foster youth, the legislature intends to
11 reverse WAC 388-148-1525(1)(b) and allow foster parents to provide
12 home-based instruction to foster youth.

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

15 Foster youth are able to receive home-based instruction as
16 described by RCW 28A.225.010(4), including a home-based instruction
17 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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