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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Rivers, Cleveland, Darneille, Brown, O'Ban, Conway, Walsh, Rolfes, Zeiger, Hasegawa, Keiser, Wellman, Kuderer, and Fain)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing training requirements for disability
2 respite providers working three hundred hours or less in any calendar
3 year; and amending RCW 74.39A.076.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39A.076 and 2015 c 152 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning January 7, 2012, except for long-term care workers
8 exempt from certification under RCW 18.88B.041(1)(a):

9 (a) A biological, step, or adoptive parent who is the individual
10 provider only for his or her developmentally disabled son or daughter
11 must receive twelve hours of training relevant to the needs of adults
12 with developmental disabilities within the first one hundred twenty
13 days after becoming an individual provider (~~or within one hundred~~
14 ~~twenty calendar days after March 29, 2012, whichever is later~~)).

15 (b) A person working as an individual provider who provides
16 respite care services only for individuals with disabilities and
17 works three hundred hours or less in any calendar year must complete
18 fourteen hours of training within the first one hundred twenty days
19 after becoming an individual provider. Five of the fourteen hours
20 must be completed before becoming eligible to provide care, including
21 two hours of orientation training regarding the caregiving role and

1 terms of employment and three hours of safety training. The training
2 partnership identified in RCW 74.39A.351 must offer at least twelve
3 of the fourteen hours online, and five of those online hours must be
4 individually selected from elective courses.

5 (c) Individual providers identified in ((b)(i), (ii), and
6 (iii)) (c)(i) or (ii) of this subsection must complete thirty-five
7 hours of training within the first one hundred twenty days after
8 becoming an individual provider ((or within one hundred twenty
9 calendar days after March 29, 2012, whichever is later)). Five of the
10 thirty-five hours must be completed before becoming eligible to
11 provide care. Two of these five hours shall be devoted to an
12 orientation training regarding an individual provider's role as
13 caregiver and the applicable terms of employment, and three hours
14 shall be devoted to safety training, including basic safety
15 precautions, emergency procedures, and infection control. Individual
16 providers subject to this requirement include:

17 (i) An individual provider caring only for his or her biological,
18 step, or adoptive child or parent unless covered by (a) of this
19 subsection; and

20 (ii) A person working as an individual provider who provides
21 twenty hours or less of care for one person in any calendar month(
22 and

23 ~~(iii) A person working as an individual provider who only~~
24 ~~provides respite services and works less than three hundred hours in~~
25 ~~any calendar year)).~~

26 (2) In computing the time periods in this section, the first day
27 is the date of hire (~~or March 29, 2012, whichever is applicable~~)).

28 (3) Only training curriculum approved by the department may be
29 used to fulfill the training requirements specified in this section.
30 The department shall only approve training curriculum that:

31 (a) Has been developed with input from consumer and worker
32 representatives; and

33 (b) Requires comprehensive instruction by qualified instructors.

34 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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