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By Representative McCaslin

1 On page 26, after line 14, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 313. A new section is added to chapter
4 43.216 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Beginning July 30, 2021, the department shall grant all new
6 child care providers an extended period of at least one year to meet
7 licensing requirements not directly related to health and safety,
8 including but not limited to staff to child ratio requirements and
9 enrollment in the early achievers program.

10 (2)(a) The department shall analyze data from the last federal
11 census to determine and make publicly available which zip codes in
12 the state are in the top 10 percent of the most racially and
13 ethnically diverse, considering the following groups:

14 (i) Black or African American;

15 (ii) American Indian and Alaska Native;

16 (iii) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander;

17 (iv) Hispanic or Latinx;

18 (v) Asian; and

19 (vi) Other multiracial.

20 (b) Child care providers in these zip codes as determined by the
21 department shall be exempt from indoor minimum space requirements
22 and shall receive longer periods of at least 18 months to meet
23 requirements listed in subsection (1) of this section.

24 (3) The department must adopt rules to implement this section."

EFFECT: Adds a new section providing extended periods for new
child care providers to meet licensing requirements not directly
related to health and safety.

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