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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2670

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Muri, Stonier, Stambaugh, Sawyer, Kagi, Sells, Reeves, Ormsby, Jinkins, Santos, Bergquist, Doglio, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Stanford, and Pollet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing services and supports to pregnant  
2 and parenting minors to improve educational attainment; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
4 28A.160 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the United  
7 States census reported for 2016 that nearly twenty-five percent of  
8 people ages twenty-five and older without a high school diploma lived  
9 in poverty and that intergenerational poverty can affect the lives of  
10 future generations unless the cycle of poverty is interrupted with  
11 effective services. Therefore, the legislature intends to improve  
12 family unity, student outcomes, and the development of our future  
13 workforce by removing programmatic barriers to services for pregnant  
14 and parenting minors.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 A parent who is under eighteen years of age and is attending high  
18 school or is working toward completing a general educational  
19 development certificate is eligible to receive working connections

1 child care. When determining consumer eligibility and copayment under  
2 this section, the department of social and health services:

3 (1) Must, within existing resources, authorize full-day  
4 subsidized child care during the school year in cases where:

5 (a) The consumer is participating in one hundred ten hours of  
6 approved activities per month;

7 (b) The household income of the consumer does not exceed eighty-  
8 five percent of the state median income; and

9 (c) The consumer meets all other program eligibility  
10 requirements;

11 (2) May not consider the availability of the other biological  
12 parent to provide care; and

13 (3) May not require a copayment that is greater than the minimum  
14 copayment established by the department for the program in rule.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.160  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) By July 1, 2020, at the request of an eligible student, a  
18 school district:

19 (a) May allow the student to transport his or her infant on a  
20 school bus or other student transportation vehicle provided by the  
21 district. The infant must be transported in a rear-facing child  
22 restraint system as defined in the federal motor vehicle safety  
23 standards in 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.213;

24 (b) Must, in cases where a district denies a student's request to  
25 transport his or her infant by school bus, authorize other  
26 arrangements for individual transportation in accordance with RCW  
27 28A.160.030.

28 (2) For the purposes of this section, "eligible student" has the  
29 same meaning as set forth in RCW 28A.160.160.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect May 1,  
31 2019.

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