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Brief Description: Providing assistance to potential foster parents.

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Declares that the United States department of agriculture issued a report that shows the current foster parent reimbursement rate of four hundred nine dollars per month per child represents forty-three percent of the actual cost of providing such care. The department of social and health services shall increase the basic reimbursement rate for foster children by three dollars per child per day and shall pay a two hundred dollar per year per foster child clothing allowance. The department shall also annually review how the basic foster care rates meet the need for providing such care.

Provides that foster parents are required to complete first aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS training to become licensed. The cost of this mandatory training is a financial barrier for some people considering becoming foster parents. The department of social and health services shall provide all new and current foster parents with first aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS training.

Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.