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By Representatives Valle, Brumsickle, Cole, Winsley, G. Fisher, Ferguson, R. Johnson, Wineberry, Franklin, Broback and Leonard.

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1 AN ACT Relating to student learning centers; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 28A.300 RCW; creating a new section; and making an  
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that recent  
6 advances in computer hardware and software have made it possible for  
7 students to make significant progress in academic areas while learning  
8 at the student's own pace. The legislature further finds that  
9 currently available resources for providing after-school instruction  
10 and tutoring are limited, and that if the state is going to ensure that  
11 all children learn, it is vital that measures be taken to reach  
12 students when they are available, not just when it is convenient for  
13 school personnel.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**        The drop-in to catch-up grant program is  
2 hereby established.    The purpose of the grant program is to provide  
3 financial assistance to school districts to fund computer hardware and  
4 software costs associated with the operation of learning centers  
5 designed for students who want to increase their academic skills during  
6 and after school hours.    The focus of the centers shall be on  
7 remediation and on students who are at-risk of dropping out of school.

8        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        The superintendent of public instruction  
9 shall request proposals from school districts and educational service  
10 districts interested in developing a computer-based learning center  
11 pursuant to section 2 of this act.    In awarding grants, the  
12 superintendent shall require, at a minimum, that: (1) At least fifty  
13 percent of the program's start-up costs be provided by the school  
14 district, participants, or other public and private sources; and (2)  
15 the center be accessible to students during school hours, and, at a  
16 minimum, for an additional forty hours per week during the school year.  
17 To assist the superintendent in making decisions regarding grant  
18 proposals, the superintendent shall form an advisory committee  
19 consisting of individuals representing school principals, teachers,  
20 existing drop-out prevention programs, and other groups as the  
21 superintendent finds appropriate.

22        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**        The sum of two hundred thousand dollars,  
23 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the  
24 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the  
25 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of section 3 of  
26 this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each  
2 added to chapter 28A.300 RCW.