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1 AN ACT Relating to education financial accountability; and creating
2 new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state
5 expends an extraordinary amount of funds every year to support our
6 common schools, and that the wise and efficient use of these funds is
7 extremely important. The legislature further finds that the
8 allocation, distribution, and expenditure of these funds is extremely
9 complicated, and that a need exists to evaluate and assess how funds
10 are allocated, distributed, and expended.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislative budget committee,
12 with the assistance of an independent contractor or contractors, shall
13 conduct a performance audit of the funding system for common schools in
14 the state. The audit shall include, but not be limited to:

1 (a) An analysis of the state allocation formulas and requirements,
2 and the effect of these formulas and requirements on school district
3 decisions;

4 (b) The role of the office of the superintendent of public
5 instruction in administering programs and distributing state and
6 federal funds, including, but not limited to:

7 (i) The degree to which the office of the superintendent of public
8 instruction has implemented the legislative intent of legislative
9 education initiatives; and

10 (ii) How efficiently the office of the superintendent of public
11 instruction uses personnel and other resources in implementing state
12 and federal education programs;

13 (c) The administration of programs and expenditures by local school
14 districts.

15 (2) By June 30, 1992, the legislative budget committee shall submit
16 to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
17 representatives the findings of the audit, and its recommendations for
18 improving the allocation, administration, and distribution of state and
19 federal education resources.