

---

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2797**

---

**State of Washington**

**53rd Legislature**

**1994 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives G. Cole, Moak, Wineberry, Leonard, Holm, Conway, Karahalios and Cothorn)

Read first time 02/04/94.

1 AN ACT Relating to education of juvenile offenders; 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 institutionalized  
5 juvenile offenders have special educational needs. Fulfillment of  
6 these needs is essential to an effective program of juvenile offender  
7 rehabilitation.

8 Serious fragmentation in the administration and organizational  
9 structure of the education program in institutions for juvenile  
10 delinquents has hampered efforts to develop an effective education  
11 program for these youth.

12 The legislature finds that assigning responsibility for the  
13 education program in these institutions to a single entity will improve  
14 the educational services provided to juvenile offenders.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** During the 1995 legislative session, the  
16 legislature intends to consolidate within a single entity the  
17 responsibility for providing educational services to juvenile offenders  
18 who are in the custody of the department of social and health services

1 in institutions for juvenile delinquents. The legislature intends to  
2 implement this change beginning with the 1995-96 school year. To this  
3 end, the superintendent of public instruction shall establish a  
4 juvenile offender education task force.

5 (1) The membership of the task force shall consist of the  
6 following:

7 (a) The superintendent of public instruction, or the  
8 superintendent's designee;

9 (b) Two superintendents of state institutions for juvenile  
10 delinquents, to be selected by the superintendents of the state-  
11 operated institutions for juvenile delinquents;

12 (c) The secretary of the department of social and health services,  
13 or the secretary's designee;

14 (d) Four educators who have had experience working with  
15 institutionalized youth, to be selected by the superintendent of public  
16 instruction;

17 (e) Two superintendents from school districts in which state  
18 institutions for juvenile delinquents are located, to be selected by  
19 the superintendent of public instruction; and

20 (f) Two legislators, with one selected by the speaker of the house  
21 of representatives and one selected by the president of the senate.

22 (2) Members of the task force shall select a chair from among their  
23 members.

24 (3) The task force shall develop recommendations on: (a) The type  
25 of education program that should be provided in these institutions;  
26 (b) what qualifications should be required of staff; (c) what single  
27 administrative structure should be used to provide the education  
28 program; (d) what actions are necessary to implement the consolidation  
29 of administrative authority; and (e) the appropriate funding level for  
30 juvenile offender education programs in these institutions.

31 (4) The task force recommendations shall be submitted by December  
32 1, 1994, to the legislature, the superintendent of public instruction,  
33 and the secretary of the department of social and health services.

--- END ---