
SENATE BILL 6227

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1 AN ACT Relating to an extended school year; amending RCW
2 28A.300.138; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds Washington state
5 students' average test scores fall behind the test scores of students
6 from several other industrialized nations. The legislature finds that
7 one cause of this disparity in scores involves the comparatively lower
8 number of student contact days required by Washington state. In 1993,
9 the legislature budgeted for restructuring grants on a per day
10 equivalent basis to schools opting to undertake performance-based
11 education. The purpose of this act is to state a policy of maintaining
12 these funds in K-12 education after their restructuring purpose has
13 been fulfilled, and to thereafter shift these funds to payment for
14 additional student contact days.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.138 and 1993 c 336 s 301 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the office of the
18 superintendent of public instruction shall provide student learning

1 improvement grants (~~for the 1994-95 through 1996-97 school years~~)).
2 The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for additional time and
3 resources for staff development and planning intended to improve
4 student learning for all students, including students with diverse
5 needs, consistent with the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210.

6 (2) To be eligible for student learning improvement grants, school
7 district boards of directors shall:

8 (a) Adopt a policy regarding the sharing of instructional decisions
9 with school staff, parents, and community members;

10 (b) Submit school-based applications that have been developed by
11 school building personnel, parents, and community members. Each
12 application shall:

13 (i) Enumerate specific activities to be carried out as part of the
14 grant;

15 (ii) Identify the technical resources desired and availability of
16 those resources;

17 (iii) Include a proposed budget; and

18 (iv) Indicate that the application was approved by the school
19 principal and representatives of teachers, parents, and the community.

20 (3) The school board shall conduct at least one public hearing on
21 schools' plans for using the grants before the board approves the
22 plans. Boards may hear and approve more than one school's plan at a
23 hearing. The board shall only submit applications for grants to the
24 superintendent of public instruction if the board has approved the
25 plans.

26 (4) If the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section
27 are met, the superintendent of public instruction shall approve the
28 grant application.

29 (5) To the extent funds are appropriated, and for allocation
30 purposes only, the amount of grants for the 1994-95 school year shall
31 be based on time equivalent to no fewer than three days and not more
32 than five days depending upon the number of grant applications received
33 and on the number of full-time equivalent certificated staff,
34 classified instructional aides, and classified secretaries who work in
35 the school at the time of application. For the 1995-96 and 1996-97
36 school years, the equivalent of five days annually shall be provided.
37 After the 1996-97 school year, the equivalent of five days annually
38 shall be provided to be used solely for increasing by five the number
39 of regular student contact days. The allocation per full-time

1 equivalent staff shall be determined in the biennial operating
2 appropriations act. School districts shall use all funds received
3 under this section solely for grants to schools and shall not use any
4 portion of the funds for indirect costs.

5 (6) The state schools for the deaf and blind may apply for grants
6 under this section.

7 (7) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt timelines
8 and rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the
9 program. The superintendent may modify application requirements for
10 schools that have schools for the twenty-first century projects under
11 RCW 28A.630.100. A copy of the proposed rules shall be submitted to
12 the joint select committee on education restructuring established in
13 RCW 28A.630.950 at least forty-five days prior to adoption of the
14 rules.

15 (8) Funding under this section shall not become a part of the
16 state's basic program of education obligation as set forth under
17 Article IX of the state Constitution.

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