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By Representatives Hickel, Johnson, Cole, O'Brien and Talcott; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to educator internship programs; and amending RCW  
2 28A.415.270 and 28A.415.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.415.270 and 1996 c 233 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the Washington state  
7 principal internship support program is created beginning in the 1994-  
8 95 school year. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to  
9 school districts to provide partial release time for district employees  
10 who are in a principal preparation program to complete an internship  
11 with a mentor principal. Funds may be used in a variety of ways to  
12 accommodate flexible implementation in releasing the intern to meet  
13 program requirements.

14 (2) Participants in the principal internship support program shall  
15 be selected as follows:

16 (a) The candidate shall be enrolled in a state board-approved  
17 school principal preparation program;

18 (b) The candidate shall apply in writing to his or her local school  
19 district. Candidates, if accepted, must agree to seek employment in

1 Washington state after receiving certification as a principal,  
2 participate in education improvement training activities, contribute to  
3 education improvement activities in the school in which they are  
4 serving as interns, and participate in evaluations of the effectiveness  
5 of the program;

6 (c) Each school district shall determine which applicants meet its  
7 criteria for participation in the principal internship support program  
8 and shall notify ~~((its—educational—service—district))~~ the  
9 superintendent of public instruction of the school district's selected  
10 applicants. When submitting the names of applicants, the school  
11 district shall identify a mentor principal for each principal intern  
12 applicant, and shall agree to provide the internship applicant release  
13 time not to exceed the equivalent of forty-five student days by means  
14 of this funding source; and

15 (d) ~~((Educational service districts))~~ The superintendent of public  
16 instruction, with the assistance of an advisory board that includes  
17 principals and higher education representatives, shall select  
18 internship participants. When selecting participants, the  
19 superintendent shall give a priority to candidates who intend to serve  
20 as building administrators in schools where finding qualified building  
21 administrators has been difficult.

22 (3) The maximum amount of state funding for each internship shall  
23 not exceed the actual daily rate cost of providing a substitute teacher  
24 for the equivalent of forty-five school days.

25 (4) Funds appropriated for the principal internship support program  
26 shall be ~~((allocated))~~ distributed to school districts by the  
27 superintendent of public instruction ~~((to the educational service~~  
28 ~~districts based on the percentage of full-time equivalent public school~~  
29 ~~students enrolled in school districts in each educational service~~  
30 ~~district. If it is not possible to find qualified candidates within~~  
31 ~~the educational service district, the positions remain unfilled, and~~  
32 ~~any unspent funds shall revert to the superintendent of public~~  
33 ~~instruction for supplementary direct disbursement.~~

34 ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate any~~  
35 ~~remaining unfilled positions and unspent funds among the educational~~  
36 ~~service districts that have qualified candidates but not enough~~  
37 ~~positions for them.~~

1       ~~This subsection does not preclude the superintendent of public~~  
2 ~~instruction from permitting the affected educational service districts~~  
3 ~~to make the supplementary selections.~~

4       ~~(5) Once principal internship participants have been selected, the~~  
5 ~~educational service districts shall allocate the funds to the~~  
6 ~~appropriate school districts)).~~ The funds shall be used to pay for  
7 partial release time while the school district employee is completing  
8 the principal internship.

9       ~~((6) Educational service districts))~~ (5) The superintendent of  
10 public instruction may ((be reimbursed for)) withhold costs associated  
11 with implementing the program, which may not exceed seven percent of  
12 the funds appropriated for the internship program. ~~((Reimbursement~~  
13 ~~rates shall be determined by the superintendent of public~~  
14 ~~instruction.))~~

15       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.415.280 and 1996 c 233 s 2 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17       (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the Washington state  
18 superintendent and program administrator internship support program is  
19 created beginning in the 1994-95 school year. The purpose of the  
20 program is to provide funds to school districts to provide partial  
21 release time for district employees who are in a superintendent or  
22 program administrator preparation program to complete an internship  
23 with a mentor administrator. Funds may be used in a variety of ways to  
24 accommodate flexible implementation in releasing the intern to meet  
25 program requirements.

26       (2) Participants in the superintendent and program administrator  
27 internship support program shall be selected as follows:

28       (a) The candidate shall be enrolled in a state board-approved  
29 school district superintendent or program administrator preparation  
30 program;

31       (b) The candidate shall apply in writing to his or her local school  
32 district. Candidates, if accepted, must agree to seek employment in  
33 Washington state after receiving certification, participate in  
34 education improvement training activities, contribute to education  
35 improvement activities in the district in which they are serving as  
36 interns, and participate in evaluations of the effectiveness of the  
37 program;

1 (c) Each school district shall determine which applicants meet its  
2 criteria for participation in the internship support program and shall  
3 notify ~~((its educational service district))~~ the superintendent of  
4 public instruction of the school district's selected applicants. When  
5 submitting the names of applicants, the school district shall identify  
6 a mentor administrator for each intern applicant and shall agree to  
7 provide the internship applicant release time not to exceed the  
8 equivalent of forty-five student days by means of this funding source;  
9 and

10 (d) ~~((Educational service districts))~~ The superintendent of public  
11 instruction, with the assistance of an advisory board that includes  
12 superintendents, program administrators, and higher education  
13 representatives, shall select internship participants.

14 (3)(a) The maximum amount of state funding for each internship  
15 shall not exceed the actual daily rate cost of providing a substitute  
16 teacher for the equivalent of forty-five school days.

17 (b) Funds appropriated for the internship support program shall be  
18 ~~((allocated))~~ distributed to school districts by the superintendent of  
19 public instruction ~~((to the educational service districts based on the~~  
20 ~~percentage of full-time equivalent public school students enrolled in~~  
21 ~~school districts in each educational service district.~~

22 ~~(c) Once internship participants have been selected, the~~  
23 ~~educational service districts shall allocate the funds to the~~  
24 ~~appropriate school districts. The funds shall be used to pay for~~  
25 ~~partial release time while the school district employee is completing~~  
26 ~~the internship.~~

27 ~~(d) If an educational service district has unfilled superintendent~~  
28 ~~or program administrator internship positions, the positions and~~  
29 ~~unspent funds shall revert to the superintendent of public instruction~~  
30 ~~for supplementary direct disbursement among the educational service~~  
31 ~~districts.~~

32 ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate any~~  
33 ~~remaining unfilled positions and unspent funds among the educational~~  
34 ~~service districts that have qualified candidates but not enough~~  
35 ~~positions for them.~~

36 ~~This subsection does not preclude the superintendent of public~~  
37 ~~instruction from permitting the affected educational service districts~~  
38 ~~to make the supplementary selections)).~~

1        (~~((e) Educational service districts)) (c) The superintendent of~~  
2 public instruction may (~~(be reimbursed for))~~ withhold costs associated  
3 with implementing the program, which may not exceed seven percent of  
4 funds appropriated for the internship program. (~~(Reimbursement rates~~  
5 ~~shall be determined by the superintendent of public instruction.)~~)

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