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By Senators McAuliffe, King, Kauffman, Parlette, Franklin, Brandland, Murray, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Shin, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to best practices for students at risk; adding a
2 new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; creating a new section; and making
3 appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 establish best practices for students at risk to create a school
7 environment where students feel safe and that prevents problems from
8 starting; to ensure that school personnel have the skills and resources
9 to identify and intervene with at-risk students; and to help schools
10 and individuals reconnect with the community and share resources.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) Every educational service district board shall implement best
14 practices for students at risk to identify, intervene, and seek support
15 for students showing emotional, social, or academic risk. The best
16 practices shall be in place beginning September 1, 2010.

17 (2) Educational service districts 105 and 112 shall develop a model
18 program, using emerging best practices, by September 1, 2008. The

1 educational service districts shall collaborate with others including
2 representatives from local school districts, the office of the
3 superintendent of public instruction, relevant divisions of the
4 department of social and health services, the department of health,
5 risk management organizations, local family services organizations,
6 local law enforcement, and local juvenile justice agencies. The model
7 program shall include:

8 (a) An early warning system to identify signs for students at risk
9 of emotional, social, or academic failure;

10 (b) A personalized assessment for each student that addresses a
11 student's threat of violence to himself or herself or others; and

12 (c) A support system that provides wraparound services for students
13 who are determined to be at risk and their families.

14 (3) Educational service districts 105 and 112 shall each administer
15 one demonstration project to implement and document the effects of best
16 practices for students at risk. One demonstration project shall be in
17 a high school and the other shall be in a middle school or junior high
18 school. The educational service districts shall select project
19 participants, provide staff training for the requirements under
20 subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section, and broker the services
21 required under subsection (2)(c) of this section.

22 (4) Educational service districts 105 and 112 shall conduct an
23 evaluation of the demonstration projects under this section. The
24 evaluation shall include an outline of the steps taken to develop and
25 implement best practices for students at risk. The evaluation shall
26 also include conclusions regarding the student progress in emotional,
27 social, and academic areas; the components that have been most
28 important to student success; and recommendations for continued
29 implementation and expansion of the best practices for students at
30 risk.

31 (5) Educational service districts 105 and 112 shall report findings
32 to the governor and the appropriate education and fiscal committees of
33 the legislature. An interim report is due December 1, 2008. The final
34 report is due December 1, 2009.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of one hundred thousand dollars,
36 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal

1 year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to educational service
2 districts 105 and 112 for the purposes of this act.

3 (2) The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be
4 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010,
5 from the general fund to educational service districts 105 and 112 for
6 the purposes of this act.

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