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By Senators McAuliffe, Litzow, Rolfes, and Hobbs

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1 AN ACT Relating to lighthouse schools; amending RCW 28A.630.065;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.630.065 and 2010 c 238 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the
7 superintendent of public instruction shall designate up to three
8 schools at the elementary, middle (~~schools and up to three~~), and high
9 school(~~s~~) level to serve as resources and examples of how to combine
10 the following best practices:

11 (a) A small, highly personalized learning community;

12 (b) An interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on science,
13 technology, engineering, and mathematics delivered through a project-
14 based instructional approach; and

15 (c) Active partnerships with businesses and the local community to
16 connect learning beyond the classroom.

17 (2) The designated elementary, middle, and high schools shall serve
18 as lighthouse programs and provide technical assistance and advice to
19 other (~~middle and high~~) designated schools and communities in the

1 initial stages of creating an alternative learning environment focused
2 on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The designated
3 (~~middle and high~~) schools must have proven experience and be
4 recognized as model programs.

5 (3) In addition, the office of the superintendent of public
6 instruction shall work with the designated elementary, middle, and high
7 schools to publicize the models of best practices in science,
8 technology, engineering, and mathematics instruction used by the
9 designated (~~middle and high~~) schools and shall encourage other
10 (~~middle and high~~) schools and communities to work with the designated
11 (~~middle and high~~) schools to replicate similar models.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 The science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education
15 lighthouse account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.
16 The purpose of the account is to support schools designated as
17 lighthouse schools under RCW 28A.630.065 to serve as resources to other
18 schools and communities interested in replicating similar models.
19 Revenues to the account may include gifts from the private sector,
20 federal funds, any appropriations made by the state legislature, or
21 revenues from other sources. Grants to the designated lighthouse
22 schools and their administration shall be paid from the account. Only
23 the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's
24 designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is
25 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
26 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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