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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A student's ability to learn can be
8 adversely impacted by a number of factors, including but not limited
9 to: Lack of parent involvement and support; child abuse and neglect;
10 poverty, including parental unemployment or underemployment; family
11 transiency and homelessness; drug and alcohol abuse; poor health and
12 nutrition; crime; and negative peer influence. Such factors can be
13 manifested in behavior such as underachievement and failure,
14 absenteeism and truancy, drug and alcohol abuse, delinquency, suicide,
15 disruption of the classroom learning environment, dropping out, and,
16 later in life, unemployment, a need for public assistance, treatment or
17 institutionalization for mental health reasons, involvement with the
18 judicial system, and possible imprisonment for criminal convictions.

19 (2) The legislature finds that:

20 (a) Prevention and intervention services at the elementary school
21 level can offer early identification, support, and follow-up of each
22 child's special interests, creative talents, and particular abilities
23 as well as identification of and cooperative assistance with learning,
24 emotional, environmental, social, or physical obstacles to normal child
25 growth and development; and

26 (b) Counseling and related prevention and intervention services at
27 the elementary school level can contribute to enhancement of the

1 classroom environment for students and teachers, and better enable
2 students to realize their academic and personal potential.

3 (3) The legislature finds that early intervention and prevention
4 services should be provided through a comprehensive system that uses
5 school-based and community-based service providers.

6 (4) The purpose of this act is to establish the fair start program
7 to assist school districts in developing comprehensive programs for
8 prevention and intervention services. School districts must
9 collaborate with community-based service providers in developing the
10 fair start program and must enter into written agreements with
11 community-based service providers to deliver appropriate services to
12 elementary students. Services provided may include, but are not
13 limited to, school counseling, school-based social services, case
14 management, referrals, family support efforts, mental health services,
15 and health services."

16 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires
17 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout sections 2
18 through 9 of this act.

19 (1) "Early grades," "elementary grades," and "elementary level"
20 mean kindergarten through grade six and may include preschool age
21 children served by the school district.

22 (2) "Elementary grades prevention and intervention program" means
23 a program of early detection, prevention, and intervention of learning,
24 emotional, environmental, social, or physical problems of elementary
25 students.

26 (3) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public
27 instruction."

1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) From funds appropriated by the
2 legislature, the superintendent shall establish the fair start program
3 to assist school districts in providing prevention and intervention
4 programs for elementary grade students. The fair start program shall
5 not become a part of the state's basic program of education obligation
6 as set forth under Article IX of the state Constitution.

7 (2) The superintendent shall distribute funds equitably to all
8 school districts based on the districts' enrollment in grades
9 kindergarten through six. Fair start funds shall not be used to
10 replace funding for activities existing on the effective date of this
11 section. However, any district providing elementary students with
12 prevention and intervention services on the effective date of this
13 section that loses the source of funding for those services for reasons
14 beyond the control of the district, may use fair start funds to
15 continue or enhance the level of prevention and intervention services.

16 (3) Funds from the fair start program shall not be used for
17 providing services, referrals, or information regarding abortions,
18 contraceptives, or birth control.

19 (4) Two or more school districts may cooperatively administer a
20 prevention and intervention program for elementary grades students. An
21 educational service district may administer a prevention and
22 intervention program on behalf of one or more school districts."

23 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) School districts and educational
24 service districts accepting fair start funds shall submit not later
25 than June 1, 1993, the following information to the superintendent of
26 public instruction:

27 (a) District goals relating to prevention and early intervention
28 services for elementary students and the district's plan, based on the
29 goals, for providing prevention and early intervention services to

1 students. To ensure delivery of appropriate services to students
2 through a coordinated network of service providers, districts shall
3 document that community-based public or private human service
4 providers, district level and building level staff and administrators,
5 and parents participated in developing the goals and plan;

6 (b) Documentation of any written interagency agreement or contract
7 between school districts or educational service districts, and public
8 or private community-based human service providers to provide
9 prevention and early intervention services to students;

10 (c) Procedures for notifying parents or guardians regarding the
11 referral of students for prevention and intervention services and
12 liability issues relating to providing prevention and intervention
13 services to students outside school buildings;

14 (d) Use of grant funds for prevention and intervention-related
15 inservice purposes including, as necessary and appropriate,
16 multicultural inservice training; and

17 (e) Other information as requested by the superintendent.

18 (2) To the greatest extent possible, the delivery of prevention and
19 early intervention services to students:

20 (a) Shall not be duplicative of other programs;

21 (b) Shall be consistent with applicable children's mental health
22 delivery system developed under chapter 71.36 RCW;

23 (c) Shall emphasize the most efficient and cost-effective use of
24 fair start funds; and

25 (d) Shall be provided on a twelve-month basis.

26 (3) When using school personnel to provide prevention and
27 intervention services, school districts are encouraged to utilize
28 paraprofessionals.

29 (4) School districts and educational service districts accepting
30 fair start funds shall enter into written interagency agreements with

1 community-based service providers to deliver appropriate services to
2 elementary students."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Nothing under sections 2 through 9 of
4 this act precludes a district from incorporating a primary intervention
5 program model, a children's mental health delivery system developed
6 under chapter 71.36 RCW, or a family support worker model as part of
7 the district's fair start program."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The superintendent shall develop
9 specific measures to evaluate the success of the grant projects and the
10 fair start program. The department of social and health services shall
11 provide the superintendent with information the superintendent may use
12 in developing measures to evaluate the fair start program and
13 projects."

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The superintendent of public instruction
15 shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement
16 sections 3 through 9 of this act. The rules shall permit school
17 districts to provide prevention and intervention services through the
18 local educational service district."

19 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The department of social and health
20 services shall, to the extent practical, assist with the development of
21 school district elementary grades prevention and intervention programs
22 by rotating or loaning department employees to schools to serve as
23 prevention and early intervention service providers."

24 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. (1) School districts and educational
25 service districts shall submit biennially to the superintendent a

1 report on their fair start programs. The reports shall include updated
2 information as required in section 4(1) of this act. The reports shall
3 be submitted not later than June 1, 1994, and in even-numbered years
4 thereafter.

5 (2) The superintendent shall submit biennially a report to the
6 governor and the legislature on the fair start program established
7 under section 3 of this act. The first report shall be submitted not
8 later than December 30, 1993. Subsequent reports shall be submitted
9 not later than December 30, 1994, and in even-numbered years
10 thereafter. The reports shall include information on school district
11 efforts to maximize the use of community-based service providers and to
12 provide services on a twelve-month basis."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 2 through 9 of this act are
14 each added to chapter 28A.600 RCW."

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the
19 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
20 28A.600 RCW; and creating a new section."