
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5636

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Skratek, Pelz, Drew, McAuliffe, A. Smith and M. Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to lifelong learning and community involvement in
2 education; adding a new chapter to Title 28A RCW; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that citizens in
6 communities throughout Washington face many challenges that education
7 can help them to meet and overcome. Transitions between home life and
8 school, between school and work, between careers, and between phases of
9 life demand that ongoing education and readiness for change be fostered
10 throughout the lives of Washington citizens. The legislature finds
11 that lifelong learning, and the community involvement it promotes, will
12 help Washington meet the challenges of the next century and of our
13 changing economy. The legislature further finds that, through
14 effective and efficient pooling of educational resources, citizens'
15 educational opportunities will be enhanced and tied in a relevant way
16 to the community outside the school. The legislature finds that
17 educational opportunities in a community might include early childhood
18 education; parenting education and parent involvement; literacy
19 training; job training and retraining; technical preparation programs;

1 student career academies and career centers for all citizens; student
2 apprenticeships, internships, and job mentor programs; tutoring; school
3 staff sabbaticals; programs for business and labor participation in
4 schools; release-time programs for community members to participate in
5 schools; and other types of adult education, including programs for
6 senior citizens. These services might be provided by state or
7 community-based agencies including, but not limited to: Public
8 schools, including skills centers; counties, cities, and towns,
9 including parks departments, health departments, and libraries;
10 community and technical colleges; business and labor organizations;
11 service organizations; and private and nonprofit organizations.

12 The legislature finds that effective and efficient coordination of
13 all community educational services can provide for the life-long
14 learning and positive community involvement of Washington's citizens.
15 To promote lifelong learning and community involvement in education,
16 the legislature intends:

17 (1) That coordination of local services that promote lifelong
18 learning and community involvement in education be improved by
19 coordinating efforts of relevant state agencies to encourage local
20 flexibility, provide technical assistance, and provide grants to
21 promote community-based collaboration;

22 (2) That lifelong learning and community involvement in education
23 be fostered through creating opportunities for local citizens to be
24 involved in coordinated planning of community efforts.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
26 otherwise, as used in this chapter, "lifelong learning and community
27 involvement in education" means coordinated efforts in communities that
28 provide education to citizens of all ages, in a variety of settings,
29 and, to the extent possible, with shared funding, sites, and staffing.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction
31 shall coordinate with the family policy council and the state board of
32 education, the state board for community and technical colleges, the
33 higher education coordinating board, the department of labor and
34 industries, the state library, and other groups, including business and
35 labor, that provide lifelong learning and community involvement
36 services.

37 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall:

1 (a) Provide assistance to local communities to coordinate programs
2 for lifelong learning and community involvement in education and
3 encouraging communities to coordinate resources for programs and
4 resources for facilities;

5 (b) Identify statutory changes required to promote local
6 collaboration for lifelong learning and community involvement in
7 education; and

8 (c) Promote different models of developing lifelong learning and
9 community involvement in education programs throughout the state and
10 help the exchange of information among communities.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Each local community shall be encouraged to
12 identify all federal, state, and local resources available at the local
13 level for lifelong learning and community involvement in education,
14 assess the lifelong learning needs of persons in the community, and
15 assign a lead agency to coordinate collaborative delivery of services.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of forty-nine thousand dollars, or
17 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
18 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the superintendent of
19 public instruction for the purposes of this act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
21 constitute a new chapter in Title 28A RCW.

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