
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1156

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Brumsickle, Radcliff, Chopp, Mason, Cody, Hatfield, Poulsen, Veloria, Morris, Cole, Skinner, Tokuda, Costa, Elliot, Wolfe and Ogden)

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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting school districts to establish and
2 develop educational foundations; creating new sections; and providing
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit
6 educational foundations created to provide financial and other support
7 to public schools can play an important role in enhancing the quality
8 of education in Washington state. Educational foundations are private
9 nonprofit partnerships between school districts and local communities
10 that do not supplant the role of the state. They are able to access
11 private, federal, and local resources not otherwise available to public
12 schools, to devise innovative solutions to solve problems, and to serve
13 students in new and innovative ways. Existing efforts supported or
14 administered by foundations include drop-out prevention programs,
15 innovative classroom grants, and math clubs for girls.

16 The legislature further finds that while the number of public
17 school foundations in Washington is increasing, only a small percentage
18 of the school districts in the state are assisted by foundations. In
19 addition, many states have one hundred to two hundred education

1 foundations enhancing educational opportunities for their students.
2 Additional leadership and support from the state in assisting in the
3 establishment and development of foundations would increase the number
4 of foundations, and thereby increase the number of students who would
5 benefit from their support.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of community, trade, and
7 economic development shall enter into a contract with one or more
8 organizations or individuals to provide support, guidance, training,
9 and technical assistance to individuals and organizations for the
10 establishment and development of nonprofit educational foundations
11 established to provide financial support and services to assist public
12 schools.

13 (2) The department shall solicit contract proposals from the
14 following: Washington state school directors' association, Washington
15 coalition of public schools foundations, northwest development officers
16 association, Washington association of partners in education, and other
17 individuals and organizations that have the appropriate experience and
18 expertise.

19 (3) The department shall contract with a third party to evaluate
20 the effectiveness of the contractor's efforts to assist in the
21 establishment and development of educational foundations, and shall
22 submit the third party contractor's evaluation to the appropriate
23 committees of the legislature by December 1, 1999.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
25 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
26 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall expire December 31, 1999.

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