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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting school districts to establish and
2 develop educational foundations; creating new sections; making an
3 appropriation; and providing 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 superintendent of public instruction
7 shall provide support, guidance, training, and technical assistance to
8 individuals and organizations for the establishment and development of
9 nonprofit educational foundations established to provide financial
10 support and services to assist public schools.

11 (2) The superintendent may enter into contracts with individuals or
12 organizations to accomplish the duties required in subsection (1) of
13 this section.

14 (3) The superintendent shall contract with a third party to
15 evaluate the effectiveness of the superintendent's efforts to assist in
16 the establishment and development of educational foundations, and shall
17 submit the contractor's evaluation to the appropriate committees of the
18 legislature by December 1, 1999.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred twenty thousand
20 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
21 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the
22 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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

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