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By Representatives Brumsickle, Cole, Talcott, Dickerson and Poulsen; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to cooperation among school districts; and amending
2 RCW 28A.225.250 and 28A.335.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.225.250 and 1969 c 130 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 ~~((Notwithstanding any other provision of law,))~~ The state
7 superintendent of public instruction ~~((is directed and authorized to))~~
8 may develop and adopt rules ~~((and regulations to implement such~~
9 ~~voluntary, tuition free attendance programs among school districts that~~
10 ~~he deems necessary for the expressed purpose of:))~~ governing school
11 district cooperation under this section.

12 (1) Cooperative programs or services shall be operated for the
13 purpose of:

14 (a) Providing educational opportunities, including vocational
15 skills programs, not otherwise provided;

16 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Avoiding unnecessary duplication of specialized or
17 unusually expensive educational programs and facilities; or

18 ~~((+3))~~ (c) Improving racial balance within and among school
19 districts~~((: PROVIDED, That no voluntary, tuition free attendance~~

1 program among school districts developed by the superintendent of
2 public instruction shall be instituted unless such program receives the
3 approval of the boards of directors of the districts)).

4 (2) Cooperative programs or services may be operated:

5 (a) Either as part of the operation of a joint facility pursuant to
6 RCW 28A.335.160 or otherwise; and

7 (b) Either on a full-time or part-time attendance basis.

8 (3) School district participation in such cooperative programs or
9 services requires written approval of the school district's board of
10 directors.

11 (4) Students enrolled in cooperative programs or services and
12 residing in school districts participating in such cooperative programs
13 or services shall not be required to pay transfer fees pursuant to RCW
14 28A.225.220(6).

15 (5) School district budgeting, accounting, enrollment reporting,
16 and financial reporting for cooperative programs or services shall
17 comply with rules of the superintendent of public instruction.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.335.160 and 1990 c 33 s 359 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Any school district may cooperate with one or more school districts
21 in the ~~((following:~~

22 ~~(1)The))~~ joint financing, planning, construction, equipping and
23 operating of any educational facility otherwise authorized by law:
24 PROVIDED, That any cooperative financing plan involving the
25 construction of school plant facilities must be approved by the state
26 board of education pursuant to such rules as may now or hereafter be
27 promulgated relating to state approval of school construction.

28 ~~((2)The joint maintenance and operation of educational programs~~
29 ~~or services (a) either as a part of the operation of a joint facility~~
30 ~~or otherwise, (b) either on a full or part time attendance basis, and~~
31 ~~(c) either on a regular one hundred eighty day school year or extended~~
32 ~~school year: PROVIDED, That any such joint program or service must be~~
33 ~~operated pursuant to a written agreement approved by the superintendent~~
34 ~~of public instruction pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated~~
35 ~~therefor. In establishing rules and regulations the state~~
36 ~~superintendent shall consider, among such other factors as the~~
37 ~~superintendent deems appropriate, the economic feasibility of said~~

1 ~~services and programs, the educational and administrative scope of said~~
2 ~~agreement and the need for said programs or services.~~

3 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the state~~
4 ~~superintendent of public instruction shall establish rules and~~
5 ~~regulations for the apportionment of attendance credits for such~~
6 ~~students as are enrolled in a jointly operated facility or program,~~
7 ~~including apportionment for approved part time and extended school year~~
8 ~~attendance.))~~

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