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3 By Representative Koster

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

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.315.250 and 1985 c 385 s 19 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Each incorporated city or town in the state shall be comprised in  
10 one school district: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall be  
11 construed: (1) To prevent the extension of the boundaries of a school  
12 district beyond the limits of the city or town contained therein, or  
13 (2) to prevent the inclusion of two or more incorporated cities or  
14 towns in a single school district, or (3) to change or disturb the  
15 boundaries of any school district organized prior to the incorporation  
16 of any city or town, except as hereafter in this section provided.

17 In case all or any part of a school district that operates a school  
18 or schools on one site only or operates elementary schools only on two  
19 or more sites is included in an incorporated city or town through the  
20 extension of the limits of such city or town in the manner provided by  
21 law, the ~~((educational service district superintendent shall:—(1)~~  
22 ~~Declare))~~ regional committee may, in its discretion, prepare a proposal  
23 for transfer of any part or all of the territory so included to ~~((be a~~  
24 ~~part of))~~ the school district containing the city or town and ~~((+2))~~,  
25 whenever a part of a district so included contains a school building of  
26 the district, ~~((present to the regional committee a proposal))~~ for the  
27 disposition of any part or all of the remaining territory of the  
28 district.

29 In case of the extension of the limits of a town to include  
30 territory lying in a school district that operates on more than one  
31 site one or more elementary schools and one or more junior high schools  
32 or high schools, the regional committee ~~((shall))~~ may, in its  
33 discretion, prepare a proposal or proposals for annexation to the  
34 school district in which the town is located any part or all of the  
35 territory aforesaid which has been included in the town and for  
36 annexation to the school district in which the town is located or to

1 some other school district or districts any part or all of the  
2 remaining territory of the school district affected by extension of the  
3 limits of the town: PROVIDED, That where no school or school site is  
4 located within the territory annexed to the town and not less than  
5 seventy-five percent of the registered voters residing within the  
6 annexed territory present a petition in writing for annexation and  
7 transfer of said territory to the school district in which the town is  
8 located, the educational service district superintendent shall declare  
9 the territory so included to be a part of the school district  
10 containing said town: PROVIDED FURTHER, That territory approved for  
11 annexation to a city or town by vote of the electors residing therein  
12 prior to January 12, 1953, shall not be subject to the provisions  
13 herein respecting annexation to a school district or school districts:  
14 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the provisions and procedural requirements  
15 of this chapter as now or hereafter amended not in conflict with or  
16 inconsistent with the provisions hereinabove in this section stated  
17 shall apply in the case of any proposal or proposals (1) for the  
18 alteration of the boundaries of school districts through and by means  
19 of annexation of territory as aforesaid, and (2) for the adjustment of  
20 the assets and liabilities of the school districts involved or affected  
21 thereby.

22 In case of the incorporation of a city or town containing territory  
23 lying in two or more school districts or of the uniting of two or more  
24 cities or towns not located in the same school district, the  
25 educational service district superintendent, except where the  
26 incorporation or consolidation would affect a district or districts of  
27 the first class, shall: (1) Order and declare to be established in  
28 each such case a single school district comprising all of the school  
29 districts involved, and (2) designate each such district by name and by  
30 a number different from that of any other district in existence in the  
31 county.

32 The educational service district superintendent shall fix as the  
33 effective date of any declaration or order required under this section  
34 a date no later than the first day of September next succeeding the  
35 date of the issuance of such declaration or order.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
37 committee shall undertake a comprehensive study of the current laws and  
38 state board of education's rules governing school district

1 organization. In conducting the study, the committee shall seek input  
2 from the state board of education, the superintendent of public  
3 instruction, the educational service districts, the regional committees  
4 on school district organization, the Washington state school directors'  
5 association, representatives of cities, towns, and counties, and  
6 citizens.

7 (2) The purpose of the study under subsection (1) of this section  
8 is to determine if the existing procedures and requirements for school  
9 district organization are adequate and appropriate.

10 (3) The committee shall submit a report on the study to the  
11 legislature by December 1, 1997. The report shall include any  
12 recommendations for statutory changes and shall indicate whether the  
13 fundamental goal of the state's school district organization policy  
14 should be to support community and neighborhood schools and parental  
15 involvement.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
19 immediately."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "extensions;" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.315.250; creating  
25 a new section; and declaring an emergency."

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