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1 AN ACT Relating to education centers; amending RCW 28A.205.070; and
2 declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.205.070 and 1993 c 211 s 6 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 In allocating funds appropriated for education centers, the
7 superintendent of public instruction shall:

8 (1) Place priority upon stability and adequacy of funding for
9 education centers that have demonstrated superior performance as
10 defined in RCW 28A.205.040(2).

11 (2) Initiate and maintain a competitive review process to select
12 new or expanded center programs in unserved or underserved areas. The
13 criteria for review of competitive proposals for new or expanded
14 education center services shall include but not be limited to:

15 (a) The proposing organization shall have obtained certification
16 from the state board of education as provided in RCW 28A.205.010;

17 (b) The cost-effectiveness of the proposal; and

18 (c) The availability of committed nonstate funds to support,
19 enrich, or otherwise enhance the basic program.

1 (3) In selecting areas for new or expanded education center
2 programs, the superintendent of public instruction shall consider
3 factors including but not limited to:

4 (a) The proportion and total number of dropouts unserved by
5 existing center programs, if any;

6 (b) The availability within the geographic area of programs other
7 than education centers which address the basic educational needs of
8 dropouts; and

9 (c) Waiting lists or other evidence of demand for expanded
10 education center programs.

11 (4) In the event of any curtailment of services resulting from
12 lowered legislative appropriations, the superintendent of public
13 instruction shall issue pro rata reductions to all centers funded at
14 the time of the lowered appropriation. Individual centers may be
15 exempted from such pro rata reductions if the superintendent finds that
16 such reductions would impair the center's ability to operate at
17 minimally acceptable levels of service. In the event of such
18 exceptions, the superintendent shall determine an appropriate rate for
19 reduction to permit the center to continue operation.

20 (5) In the event that an additional center or centers become
21 certified and apply to the superintendent for funds to be allocated
22 from a legislative appropriation which does not increase from the
23 immediately preceding biennium, or does not increase sufficiently to
24 allow such additional center or centers to operate at minimally
25 acceptable levels of service without reducing the funds available to
26 previously funded centers, the superintendent shall not provide funding
27 for such additional center or centers from such appropriation, unless
28 directed otherwise in the omnibus appropriations act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
32 immediately.

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