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By Representatives Clements, Dickerson, Backlund, Parlette, Gardner, Gombosky and Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing technical assistance and training to  
2 agency personnel and state contractors; adding new sections to chapter  
3 43.07 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 39.29 RCW; and making an  
4 appropriation.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.07 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The secretary of state mentoring grant is established. The  
9 secretary of state shall distribute grant funds for the benefit of  
10 nonprofit entities that provide social services under contract to state  
11 agencies.

12 (2) To receive a mentoring grant, an appropriate state agency  
13 including, but not limited to, contracting agencies and the state  
14 auditor, must submit to the secretary of state a recommendation  
15 indicating that a nonprofit entity needs actuarial, technical,  
16 managerial, or organizational assistance. A recommendation must also  
17 indicate whether the assistance is crucial for the entity to maintain  
18 adequate financial records, to comply with state or federal law, to  
19 continue operations, or to avoid other impediments to the nonprofit

1 entity's proper use of funds to achieve the purposes set by state  
2 contract. A recommendation must further indicate the importance of the  
3 entity to the provision of services by the contracting agency.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.07 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Upon recommendation, the secretary of state may use  
7 appropriated funds to make grants to any state agency, county, city,  
8 public entity, or private individual to provide training or technical  
9 assistance to nonprofit entities that contract with the state. The  
10 training or assistance should be administered to help the nonprofit  
11 entity provide more effective services to the state agency with which  
12 it contracts and to facilitate the nonprofit entity's self-sufficiency  
13 and successful operation. The technical assistance may include, but is  
14 not limited to, instruction on accounting methods, legal advice, grants  
15 for the purchase of accounting or management software, organizational  
16 instruction, and compliance information.

17 (2) A grant should not be administered to benefit the same  
18 nonprofit entity more than twice, unless the grant is of nominal  
19 amount, to be defined by the secretary of state.

20 (3) The secretary of state may adopt rules to govern the use of the  
21 grants in accordance with the purpose of chapter . . . , Laws of 1998  
22 (this act).

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 39.29 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) The office of financial management may offer technical  
26 assistance to agencies for improved management and administration of  
27 agency contracting. The training may include, but is not limited to,  
28 the following subjects:

- 29 (a) Types and methods of contracting;
- 30 (b) Consultant selection;
- 31 (c) Performance standards and benchmarks, and performance audits of  
32 such;
- 33 (d) Financial recordkeeping and appropriate accounting measures;
- 34 (e) Any other subject related to effective contract management.

35 (2) The cost of technical services may be charged to the agency  
36 served and must be paid to the office of financial management in the  
37 same manner that other claims against the agency are paid.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or  
2 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal  
3 year ending June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the office of the  
4 secretary of state for the purposes of this act.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    If any provision of this act or its  
6 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
7 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
8 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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