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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Talcott, B. Thomas and O'Brien)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the learning materials loan program; adding a
2 new section to chapter 28A.195 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature, in fulfilling its role as
6 stated in the state Constitution, namely, that "It is the paramount
7 duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all
8 children residing within its borders...", finds that families with
9 children enrolled in approved private schools are an integral part of
10 fulfilling the state's educational mission.

11 The legislature further recognizes that a significant percentage of
12 students attend approved private schools and frequently move between
13 the state's publicly and privately funded schools. The parents of
14 these children are subject to taxes and levies to fulfill the education
15 provided through our common schools. In addition, these parents pay
16 for student learning materials their child uses in the approved private
17 school that would be free of additional charge in the common school.
18 In acknowledgement of this additional burden and in recognizing the
19 role of our state's approved private schools in helping to fulfill the

1 constitutional mandate to provide a basic education to our children,
2 the legislature recognizes the need for equalization. The sole purpose
3 of this act is to assist children, not schools.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.195
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Students attending state-approved private schools may receive
7 loaned learning materials from the local school district in which the
8 private school is located. To provide these materials to students,
9 approved private schools shall submit annual requests for learning
10 materials to the local school district in which the private school is
11 located. The local school district may provide through a loan
12 agreement the learning materials in accordance with the following
13 guidelines:

14 (1) Learning materials support shall not be limited, in any way,
15 based on a student's economic status.

16 (2) Learning materials eligible for loan shall be limited to
17 textbooks.

18 (3) The local school district shall not loan learning materials
19 that are not available to the school district at the time of the
20 request.

21 (4) The local school district shall not loan learning materials
22 that the local school district needs to educate public school students
23 at the time of the request.

24 (5) Only textbooks listed on the official adoption list of the
25 local school district are eligible.

26 (6) Loaned learning materials shall neither promote nor deter
27 sectarian or religious activities of the private school.

28 (7) No approved private school may be required to participate in
29 learning materials support provided by the state.

30 (8) Only students who attend state-approved private schools are
31 eligible for learning materials support.

32 (9) Student learning materials designed for religious instruction
33 are not eligible for learning materials support.

34 (10) No laws or rules may be added beyond those already in
35 existence as of January 1, 1998, that have a direct or indirect impact
36 on the autonomy of the private school as a result of the student's
37 receipt of learning materials support.

1 (11) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
2 adopt guidelines for effective implementation of this section.

3 (12) To assist the state, the office of the superintendent of
4 public instruction may identify currently existing, nonsectarian,
5 state-wide private school organizations to serve as the liaison with
6 the state for eligible private schools whose students are receiving or
7 are interested in receiving loaned learning materials.

8 (13) Student learning materials loaned to students attending
9 private schools under this section shall, at all times, be considered
10 the property of the local school district.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect September 1, 1998.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
13 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
14 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
15 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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