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By Senators Hochstatter, Hargrove, Zarelli, Finkbeiner, Strannigan, Johnson, Stevens and Schow

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1 AN ACT Relating to business and occupation tax credits for
2 educational expenses at private K-12 schools; adding a new section to
3 chapter 82.04 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 In computing the tax imposed under this chapter, a credit is
9 allowed against the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter
10 equal to the amounts paid during the tax year for educational expenses
11 of students incurred in attending private K-12 schools, subject to the
12 following limitations:

13 (1) No credit may be taken in excess of four percent of the tax
14 liability for the year;

15 (2) No more than one hundred scholarships may be given by the
16 company in the year and used as credit under this section;

17 (3) No credit may be taken unless annual tax liability is equal to
18 or greater than two thousand five hundred dollars; and

19 (4) No credit may carry over to a subsequent tax year.

1 The department shall provide a simplified procedure for claiming
2 the credit authorized under this section, including a simple report
3 form.

4 As used in this section, "educational expenses" means tuition
5 expenses and expenses for books and materials.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
9 July 1, 1997.

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