
SENATE BILL 6478

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By Senators Patterson, Roach, Heavey, Prentice, Kohl, McAuliffe, Fairley, Fraser, Jacobsen, Snyder, Franklin and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting school districts to establish and
2 develop educational foundations; creating new sections; making an
3 appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit
6 educational foundations created to provide financial and other support
7 to public schools can play an important role in enhancing the quality
8 of education in Washington state. Educational foundations are private
9 nonprofit corporations organized to benefit education in school
10 districts and local communities. They are able to access private,
11 federal, and local resources not otherwise available to public schools,
12 to devise innovative solutions to solve problems, and to serve students
13 in new and innovative ways. Existing efforts supported or administered
14 by foundations include drop-out prevention programs, innovative
15 classroom grants, and math clubs for girls.

16 The legislature further finds that while the number of public
17 school foundations in Washington is increasing, only a small percentage
18 of the school districts in the state are assisted by foundations.
19 Additional leadership and support from the state in assisting in the

1 establishment and development of foundations would increase the number
2 of foundations, and thereby increase the number of students who would
3 benefit from their support.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of community, trade, and
5 economic development shall enter into a contract with one or more
6 organizations or individuals to provide support, guidance, training,
7 and technical assistance to individuals and organizations for the
8 establishment and development of nonprofit educational foundations
9 established to provide financial support and services to assist public
10 schools.

11 (2) The department shall solicit contract proposals from the
12 following: Washington state school directors' association, Washington
13 coalition of public schools foundations, northwest development officers
14 association, Washington association of partners in education, and other
15 individuals and organizations that have the appropriate experience and
16 expertise.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty thousand dollars, or as
18 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
19 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the department of
20 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this
21 act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires June 30, 2000.

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