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Sponsor(s): Senators McAuliffe and Rasmussen; by request of Governor Locke

Brief Description: Creating the opportunity schools program.

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Establishes the opportunity schools program. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for innovative teaching strategies and proven educational practices, shared decision making, and increased parental and community involvement in public schools.

Provides that opportunity school districts are automatically granted waivers from state laws and rules as specified in this title, except for those relating to: (1) Health and safety;

(2) civil rights;

(3) special education;

(4) collective bargaining; and

(5) the following education reform provisions: (a) education goals in RCW 28A.150.210; (b) values and character traits in RCW 28A.150.211; (c) student assessments in RCW 28A.300.320, 28A.230.190, 28A.230.220, 28A.230.230, and 28A.230.240; (d) accountability provisions in RCW 28A.630.887 and 28A.630.885 and chapter . . ., Laws of 1999 (Z-0499/99); (e) reporting of school and district assessments of student learning in RCW 28A.630.889; (f) curricular adjustments and parental notification of student achievement on tests in RCW 28A.230.195; and (g) basic education program requirements and allocation in RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.260.