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1 AN ACT Relating to rewarding schools for meeting fourth grade
2 reading goals; adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the purpose of
6 Washington's accountability system is to improve student learning and
7 student achievement of the essential academic learning requirement
8 standards so that each individual student will be given the opportunity
9 to become a responsible citizen and successfully live, learn, and work
10 in the twenty-first century. The legislature has the ability and the
11 responsibility to acknowledge the difficult work educators and students
12 have done by meeting the standards set by the legislature. The
13 legislature intends to reward the staff in schools that have met or
14 exceeded their fourth grade reading goals early.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.655
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall award a banner
18 honoring each school that has met or exceeded its fourth grade reading

1 goals, as defined in RCW 28A.655.050, on the 2000 and 2001 Washington
2 assessment of student learning, plus five dollars for each fourth grade
3 full-time equivalent student in the school. For schools with less than
4 twenty-five fourth grade full-time equivalent students, a minimum
5 recognition award of one hundred dollars is to be sent to the school.

6 (2) The staff in each school shall also have the opportunity to
7 choose their form of recognition and shall determine who shares in the
8 recognition. The recognition may include, but is not limited to:

9 (a) A community-wide celebration;

10 (b) A school-wide event, such as a spaghetti feed or dessert night,
11 including staff, parents, and other community members chosen by the
12 staff; or

13 (c) An off-campus event such as a dinner or day trip for selected
14 school staff.

15 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall administer the
16 program and distribute recognition banners and cash awards directly to
17 individual schools.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
19 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
20 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
21 void.

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