

**SHB 2679** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose,  
6 the Puget Sound educational service district shall designate a foster  
7 care program supervisor to coordinate programs and services for  
8 students in foster care. The foster care program supervisor shall:

9 (1) Facilitate the use of education system resources to improve  
10 educational stability and other measurable outcomes for children in  
11 children's administration out-of-home care and enrolled in a school  
12 district within the Puget Sound educational service district;

13 (2) Develop and distribute model school district policies to  
14 improve services and supports to children in children's administration  
15 out-of-home care and enrolled in a school district within the Puget  
16 Sound educational service district;

17 (3) Provide training to public school staff on the impact of child  
18 abuse and neglect, school preparedness, and the child welfare system  
19 upon children who live in children's administration out-of-home care,  
20 the likely need for students in children's administration out-of-home  
21 care to have a strong relationship with one or more adults at school  
22 and academic and behavioral remediation, and the need to determine  
23 eligibility of students in children's administration out-of-home care  
24 for the many programs for which they qualify that are provided in  
25 schools;

26 (4) Provide technical assistance to schools concerning interagency  
27 agreements and children's administration policies relative to the  
28 education of children who live in children's administration out-of-home  
29 care;

1 (5) Coordinate with the McKinney-Vento education of homeless  
2 children and youth program supervisor within the office of the  
3 superintendent of public instruction on issues that relate to the  
4 definition of children's administration out-of-home care and  
5 homelessness;

6 (6) Coordinate with the office of the superintendent of public  
7 instruction the legal interpretations of the family education rights  
8 and privacy act and the health insurance portability and accountability  
9 act relative to data exchange;

10 (7) Provide technical assistance to school districts within the  
11 Puget Sound educational service district to facilitate local data  
12 exchange;

13 (8) Coordinate with regions 4 and 5 children's administration  
14 education leads to facilitate completion of interagency agreements for  
15 top priority school districts within the Puget Sound educational  
16 service district; and

17 (9) Establish a model information and data-sharing agreement  
18 between school districts and the children's administration and  
19 facilitate completion of information and data-sharing agreements.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The superintendent of public instruction shall provide an annual  
23 aggregate report to the legislature on the educational experiences and  
24 progress of students in children's administration out-of-home care.  
25 This data should be disaggregated in the smallest units allowable by  
26 law that do not identify an individual student, in order to learn which  
27 school districts are experiencing the greatest success and challenges  
28 in achieving quality educational outcomes with students in children's  
29 administration out-of-home care.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310  
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this  
33 purpose, the Puget Sound educational service district shall create a  
34 grant program for local school districts to improve stability and  
35 educational outcomes for students in foster care. Grants shall be

1 awarded to school districts with the highest incidence of child  
2 protective services removals and foster care placements under chapter  
3 13.34 RCW.

4 (2) School districts receiving grants under this section shall  
5 agree to the following:

6 (a) The grant shall not supplant funding already in place for all  
7 students.

8 (b) The grant shall be used to supplement and enhance educational  
9 stability and educational outcomes for students in foster care.

10 (3) Grant activities may include but are not limited to the  
11 following:

12 (a) Dedicated staff time for:

13 (i) Additional counselor support for students in foster care and  
14 foster parent support;

15 (ii) Facilitation of education planning meetings with children's  
16 administration caseworkers, students, foster and relative caregivers,  
17 other community providers, and birth parents when appropriate;

18 (iii) Coordination with programs for which students in foster care  
19 may be eligible including: Title I, Upward Bound, free and reduced  
20 meals, etc.;

21 (iv) Tutoring;

22 (v) Temporary arrangements for transportation to enhance  
23 educational stability;

24 (vi) Coordination with the McKinney-Vento education of homeless  
25 children and youth program activities within the office of the  
26 superintendent of public instruction and local school district Title X  
27 liaisons;

28 (vii) Activities promoting engagement of foster parents in school  
29 programming activities;

30 (viii) Outreach to birth parents, when appropriate;

31 (ix) Assurance of timely and accurate record and data transfer when  
32 a student in foster care moves to a different school;

33 (x) Support for school-based foster parent recruitment; and

34 (xi) Additional school staff training concerning the  
35 characteristics and needs of students in foster care including  
36 protecting the right to privacy for students in foster care;

37 (b) Fees normally covered by parents for extracurricular activity

1 participation, school pictures, yearbooks, ASB cards, school fines,  
2 etc.

3 (4) The Puget Sound educational service district shall annually  
4 submit a report to the legislature on grant program outcomes under this  
5 section.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to availability of funds appropriated specifically for  
9 this purpose, the department of social and health services, within the  
10 children's administration, shall fund two school district-based foster  
11 care recruitment pilots in one or more of the school districts with the  
12 highest number of child protective services removals and out-of-home  
13 placements under chapter 13.34 RCW. Pilots must coordinate with  
14 existing foster care recruitment contracts and the family-to-family  
15 model. Funds can be used to expand existing contracts or fund  
16 children's administration staff.

17 (2) The department of social and health services shall annually  
18 report to the legislature on the increase or decrease of foster homes  
19 within the pilot areas.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.150.510 and 2000 c 88 s 1 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 In order to effectively serve students who are ~~((under the~~  
23 ~~jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system as))~~ dependent pursuant to  
24 chapter 13.34 RCW, education records shall be ~~((released upon))~~  
25 transmitted to the department of social and health services within two  
26 school days after receiving the request ~~((to))~~ from the department ~~((of~~  
27 ~~social and health services))~~ provided that the department ~~((of social~~  
28 ~~and health services))~~ certifies that it will not disclose to any other  
29 party the education records without prior written consent of the parent  
30 or student unless authorized to disclose the records under state law.  
31 The department of social and health services is authorized to disclose  
32 education records it obtains pursuant to this section to a foster  
33 parent, guardian, or other entity authorized by the department ~~((of~~  
34 ~~social and health services))~~ to provide residential care to the  
35 student.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**  If specific funding for the purposes of this  
2 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
3 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
4 void."

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5        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "care;" strike the remainder  
6 of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.150.510; adding new sections  
7 to chapter 28A.310 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW;  
8 adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and creating a new section."

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