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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5942**

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**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Rivers, Rolfes, Litzow, Mullet, Dammeier, Billig, and Fain)

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1 AN ACT Relating to an outcome evaluation of the national guard  
2 youth challenge program; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW;  
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington state institute for public policy shall  
8 conduct a longitudinal outcome evaluation of the national guard youth  
9 challenge program to determine the impact of the program on students  
10 as they proceed through high school and into postsecondary education  
11 or their careers. The study shall follow the students through high  
12 school and beyond. The study shall include a review of national  
13 studies of the youth challenge program and other at-risk programs  
14 examining K-12, postsecondary, employment, and other outcomes of  
15 student cohorts five years after program completion. The evaluation  
16 shall compare outcomes of students who participated in the program  
17 with a similar group of eligible students who did not participate and  
18 include a cost-benefit analysis of program effectiveness. The office  
19 of the superintendent of public instruction, the education data  
20 center, and the national guard youth challenge program shall provide  
21 the institute with the data necessary to conduct the evaluation. The

1 institute shall submit an interim report by December 15, 2022, and a  
2 final report on study findings to the governor and relevant  
3 committees of the legislature by December 15, 2024.

4 (2) This section expires August 15, 2025.

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