HOUSE BILL 1877

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AN ACT Relating to eliminating the office of the superintendent of public instruction, all educational service districts, and all other administrative offices, agencies, programs, and services of the public education system that do not have direct daily interaction with students; adding a new section to chapter 43.09 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that streamlining or eliminating offices, agencies, programs, and services 9 10 within the public education system that do not include direct daily 11 interaction with students will result in significant financial 12 savings and reduction in time-consuming mandates and operations that do not sufficiently enhance the basic education and academic outcomes 13 of Washington state's public school students. While streamlined and 14 15 eliminated offices, agencies, programs, and services may have 16 provided some contribution to the public education system, the 17 legislature finds that the cost and efficacy of these offices, 18 agencies, programs, and services are at best ancillary to the 19 provision of basic education. To the extent any offices, agencies, 20 programs, or services streamlined or eliminated include functions 21 that directly provide basic education to public school students, the

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1 legislature intends for those functions to be reconstituted and 2 relocated within existing facilities where direct, daily interaction 3 with students will occur.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.09
RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) By November 1, 2025, the state auditor shall identify all 7 offices, agencies, subsets of agencies, programs, and services that 8 do not include direct, daily interaction with public school students 9 during the school year. On December 31, 2025, all identified offices, 10 agencies, subsets of agencies, programs, and services shall be 11 dissolved.

12 (2) For the purposes of this section, "public schools" has the 13 same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as 15 eliminating the constitutionally required position of the 16 superintendent of public instruction.

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