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SENATE BILL 6737

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By Senators McAuliffe, Sheldon, Thibaudeau, Fairley and Kohl

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1            AN ACT Relating to the study of athletic opportunities for girls;  
2 creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends with the study in  
5 this act to determine the availability and location of organized  
6 athletic opportunities for girls under age thirteen. The purpose of  
7 the study is also to determine the statistical relationship, if any,  
8 between any lack of organized athletic opportunities and the rates of  
9 occurrence for girls in a given area of teenage pregnancy, high school  
10 graduation, drug involvement, domestic violence, and mental health  
11 problems.

12            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A study of the availability of organized  
13 athletic opportunities for girls below the age of thirteen shall be  
14 conducted. The study must review public and private resources and  
15 utilize school district boundaries as the basis for the review. The  
16 study may not be limited to school district resources but must include  
17 programs offered by municipal, county, state, federal, and private  
18 entities.

1       The study must examine whether the availability of opportunities is  
2 affected by income, ethnicity, or race.

3       The study must include opportunities within the boundaries of the  
4 largest urban school district within western Washington, the largest  
5 urban school district within eastern Washington, two districts with an  
6 enrollment of less than forty thousand students but more than ten  
7 thousand students, two school districts with an enrollment of less than  
8 ten thousand students but more than one thousand students, and two  
9 districts with an enrollment of less than one thousand students. At  
10 least three of the districts must be east of the Cascade mountains.

11       The study must include an examination of whether there is a  
12 statistical relationship between the lack of organized athletic  
13 opportunities and the risk factors and behaviors utilized by the  
14 community public health and safety networks in the areas studied.

15       The study must be presented to the legislature and the governor by  
16 January 1, 1998.

17       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred  
18 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
19 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to The  
20 Evergreen State College for contracting with the Washington state  
21 institute for public policy for the purposes of this act.

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