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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6242** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators King, Rolfes, Litzow, Billig, Fain, Chase, and McAuliffe)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to waivers from the one hundred eighty-day school
2 year requirement; amending RCW 28A.305.141; and providing an expiration
3 date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.305.141 and 2009 c 543 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to waivers authorized under RCW 28A.305.140 and
8 28A.655.180, the state board of education may grant waivers from the
9 requirement for a one hundred eighty-day school year under RCW
10 28A.150.220 (~~and 28A.150.250~~) to school districts that propose to
11 operate one or more schools on a flexible calendar for purposes of
12 economy and efficiency as provided in this section. The requirement
13 under RCW 28A.150.220 that school districts offer (~~an annual average~~
14 ~~instructional hour offering of at least one thousand~~) minimum
15 instructional hours shall not be waived.

16 (2) A school district seeking a waiver under this section must
17 submit an application that includes:

18 (a) A proposed calendar for the school day and school year that
19 demonstrates how the instructional hour requirement will be maintained;

1 (b) An explanation and estimate of the economies and efficiencies
2 to be gained from compressing the instructional hours into fewer than
3 one hundred eighty days;

4 (c) An explanation of how monetary savings from the proposal will
5 be redirected to support student learning;

6 (d) A summary of comments received at one or more public hearings
7 on the proposal and how concerns will be addressed;

8 (e) An explanation of the impact on students who rely upon free and
9 reduced-price school child nutrition services and the impact on the
10 ability of the child nutrition program to operate an economically
11 independent program;

12 (f) An explanation of the impact on employees in education support
13 positions and the ability to recruit and retain employees in education
14 support positions;

15 (g) An explanation of the impact on students whose parents work
16 during the missed school day; and

17 (h) Other information that the state board of education may request
18 to assure that the proposed flexible calendar will not adversely affect
19 student learning.

20 (3) The state board of education shall adopt criteria to evaluate
21 waiver requests. No more than five districts may be granted waivers.
22 Waivers may be granted for up to three years. After each school year,
23 the state board of education shall analyze empirical evidence to
24 determine whether the reduction is affecting student learning. If the
25 state board of education determines that student learning is adversely
26 affected, the school district shall discontinue the flexible calendar
27 as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the next school
28 year after the determination has been made. All waivers expire August
29 31, ((2014)) 2017.

30 (a) Two of the five waivers granted under this subsection shall be
31 granted to school districts with student populations of less than one
32 hundred fifty students.

33 (b) Three of the five waivers granted under this subsection shall
34 be granted to school districts with student populations of between one
35 hundred fifty-one and five hundred students.

36 ~~(4) ((The state board of education shall examine the waivers~~
37 ~~granted under this section and make a recommendation to the education~~
38 ~~committees of the legislature by December 15, 2013, regarding whether~~

1 ~~the waiver program should be continued, modified, or allowed to~~
2 ~~terminate. This recommendation should focus on whether the program~~
3 ~~resulted in improved student learning as demonstrated by empirical~~
4 ~~evidence. Such evidence includes, but is not limited to: Improved~~
5 ~~scores on the Washington assessment of student learning, results of the~~
6 ~~dynamic indicators of basic early literacy skills, student grades, and~~
7 ~~attendance.~~

8 (5)) This section expires August 31, ((2014)) 2017.

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