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On page 11, after line 37, insert the following:

**"PART V**

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS**

"NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  The legislature finds that the Washington state institute for public policy reported that content-specific professional development is much more effective than general training. The goal of the legislature is to provide a sufficient number of professional learning days necessary to meet the needs in Washington's schools and to designate the professional learning days to be part of basic education.

**Sec.**  RCW 28A.150.200 and 2009 c 548 s 101 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The program of basic education established under this chapter is deemed by the legislature to comply with the requirements of Article IX, section 1 of the state Constitution, which states that "It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex," and is adopted pursuant to Article IX, section 2 of the state Constitution, which states that "The legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools."

(2) The legislature defines the program of basic education under this chapter as that which is necessary to provide the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the state-established high school graduation requirements that are intended to allow students to have the opportunity to graduate with a meaningful diploma that prepares them for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship. Basic education by necessity is an evolving program of instruction intended to reflect the changing educational opportunities that are needed to equip students for their role as productive citizens and includes the following:

(a) The instructional program of basic education the minimum components of which are described in RCW 28A.150.220;

(b) The program of education provided by chapter 28A.190 RCW for students in residential schools as defined by RCW 28A.190.020 and for juveniles in detention facilities as identified by RCW 28A.190.010;

(c) The program of education provided by chapter 28A.193 RCW for individuals under the age of eighteen who are incarcerated in adult correctional facilities; ((~~and~~))

(d) Transportation and transportation services to and from school for eligible students as provided under RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.180; and

(e) Professional learning days as provided under section 503 of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 28A.150 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose:

(a) Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the legislature shall annually provide additional time and resources for high quality, content-specific, professional learning days for each state-funded certificated instructional staff, paraeducator, and school building-based administrator to increase knowledge and skills in the areas of current and future educational reforms. The minimum funding for a professional learning day must be equivalent to the aggregate amount provided for the state-funded salaries for each certificated instructional staff, paraeducator, and school-based administrator in the school district for one full school day. School districts must be required to expend the funds on professional learning activities but the learning is not required to be accomplished in one full school day and it may be organized in whatever time blocks the district chooses so long as the total time equates to one full school day. The learning improvement day must take place outside of the minimum one hundred eighty-day school calendar.

(b) For the 2016-17 school year, the funds provided for a professional learning day must be used for professional development that addresses either the school district or individual building goals.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to implement this section.

(3) The funding provided under this section shall be deemed to be part of the legislature's definition of basic education under Article IX of the state Constitution."

Renumber the remaining part and sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

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On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "28A.660.050," strike "and 28A.410.250" and insert "28A.410.250, and 28A.150.200"

On page 1, line 6 of the title, after "RCW;" insert "adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW;"

EFFECT: Requires the legislature to provide additional time and resources for professional learning days for each state-funded certificated instructional staff, paraeducator, and school building-based administrator.