
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5668

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Shewmake, Torres, and Dozier)

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1 AN ACT Relating to small districts with less than 2,750 students
2 and significant participation in skill centers; and amending RCW
3 28A.245.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.245.020 and 2019 c 197 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) (~~Beginning in the 2007-08 school year and thereafter,~~
8 ~~students~~) Students attending skill centers shall be funded for all
9 classes at the skill center and the sending districts, up to (~~one~~
10 ~~and six-tenths~~) 1.6 full-time equivalents or as determined in the
11 omnibus operating appropriations act. The office of the
12 superintendent of public instruction shall develop procedures to
13 implement this subsection, including:

14 (a) Procedures to ensure that the (~~school~~) sending district and
15 the skill center report no student for more than (~~one and six-~~
16 ~~tenths~~) 1.6 full-time equivalent students combining both their high
17 school enrollment and skill center enrollment (~~. Additionally, the~~
18 ~~office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop~~
19 ~~procedures~~);

1 (b) Procedures for determining the appropriate share of the full-
2 time equivalent enrollment count between the ((resident high school))
3 sending district and skill center;

4 (c)(i) Procedures for funding students for 0.8 full-time
5 equivalent at the sending district, regardless of a student's actual
6 enrolled weekly minutes at the sending district, if all the criteria
7 in this subsection (1)(c)(i) are met:

8 (A) The total headcount enrollment of the sending district is
9 fewer than 2,750 students;

10 (B) At least 10 percent of the sending district's combined 11th
11 and 12th grade student headcount is enrolled at the skill center;

12 (C) The student is enrolled for at least 0.5 full-time
13 equivalents at the sending district prior to any enhancement under
14 this subsection;

15 (D) The student is enrolled for at least 0.5 full-time
16 equivalents at the skill center; and

17 (E) The sending district is a member of the administrative
18 council governing the skill center.

19 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (1)(c) permits a student to be
20 reported for more than 1.6 full-time equivalents when combining high
21 school and skill center enrollment.

22 (2)(a) A rural satellite skill center must report direct
23 enrollment and receive direct funding if it meets the following
24 criteria:

25 (i) The center is located at least ((thirty)) 30 miles from a
26 core campus or other satellite program and enrolls students from a
27 minimum of two school districts;

28 (ii) The center is solely responsible for hiring staff and
29 covering all staffing costs;

30 (iii) The center is solely responsible for providing facilities,
31 equipment, materials, supplies, and training;

32 (iv) The center has demonstrated the ability to build successful
33 community and local business partnerships;

34 (v) The center has been operational and has secured agreements
35 for at least one year with two or more rural districts in the area to
36 accept and enroll students in the center, has completed the required
37 feasibility study, and has secured commitments from local businesses
38 or industries;

1 (vi) The career and technical education advisory committee and
2 the local school district board of directors recommend and support
3 the direct funding; and

4 (vii) The center shares liability of all reviews for the purposes
5 of auditing and the consolidated program review including state and
6 federal monitoring of the career and technical education programs.

7 (b) A core campus skill center may receive, for administrative
8 purposes, up to seven percent of the funding provided to a partnered
9 rural satellite skill center under (a) of this subsection.

10 (c) A core campus skill center may charge the annually required
11 per-pupil facility fee consistent with RCW 28A.245.100 related to
12 minor repair and maintenance capital accounts as negotiated in the
13 interdistrict cooperative agreement.

14 (3) For the purposes of this section, "rural," consistent with
15 the definition in the small, rural school achievement program and the
16 rural education achievement program eligibility criteria, means:

17 (a) A local education agency that serves only schools that have a
18 national center for education statistics school locale code of
19 (~~((forty-one, forty-two, or forty-three))~~) 41, 42, or 43; or

20 (b) A local education agency that is located entirely within
21 counties with a population density less than (~~((one-hundred))~~) 100
22 persons per square mile or counties smaller than (~~((two-hundred
23 twenty-five))~~) 225 square miles as determined and published by the
24 office of financial management each year for the period of July 1st
25 to June 30th.

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