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By Senators Bailey, Rinehart, Erwin, Murray, Oke, A. Smith, Johnson, Gaspard, Wojahn and Rasmussen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to seismic safety in public schools; creating new
2 sections; making an appropriation; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Each school district board of directors
6 shall adopt an earthquake preparedness policy by January 1, 1992. The
7 policy shall include but not be limited to:

8 (1) Training all students and school employees in earthquake
9 safety and earthquake hazard mitigation procedures;

10 (2) A minimum of twice yearly earthquake drills;

11 (3) Notifying parents annually of school earthquake procedures;

12 (4) Coordinating earthquake response with the local office of
13 emergency management and other immediate response organizations,
14 communications organizations, and utilities;

1 (5) A plan for meeting the first aid and safety needs of
2 students and staff for seventy-two hours following an earthquake; and

3 (6) A plan for identifying and correcting by 1996 nonstructural
4 earthquake hazards in all school district facilities used for school
5 purposes.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** From funds appropriated for this
7 purpose, the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with
8 the department of community development, shall select, train, and work
9 with a group of educational service district or school district
10 personnel to provide assistance to school districts in:

- 11 (1) Assessing the seismic stability of their facilities;
12 (2) Planning for repairs, rehabilitation, or rebuilding; and
13 (3) Implementing the policies under section 1 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand dollars,
15 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
16 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the
17 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of section 2 of
18 this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
22 effect July 1, 1991.