
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5291

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Erwin, Bailey, Rinehart, Talmadge, Oke, Pelz, Johnson, A. Smith, Murray and Bauer).

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1 AN ACT Relating to low-income students; amending RCW 28A.320.500;
2 adding new sections to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.500 and 1990 c 33 s 339 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Every school district board of directors is authorized to
8 establish and operate summer and/or other student vacation period
9 programs and to assess such tuition and special fees as it deems
10 necessary to offset the maintenance and operation costs of such
11 programs in whole or part. The district shall adopt policies for
12 waiving or reducing any such tuition or fees in the cases of students
13 whose families, by reason of their low incomes, would have difficulty
14 paying the entire amount of the tuition or fees. The policies shall,
15 at a minimum, provide students whose family income is at or below the

1 level established for free or reduced price meal eligibility, a waiver
2 of any tuition or fees for the following courses, commencing with the
3 1991-92 school year:

4 (a) Elementary school offerings in reading, language arts, and
5 mathematics; and

6 (b) Secondary school offerings of courses necessary to meet state
7 or local graduation requirements.

8 (2) A summer and/or other student vacation period program may
9 consist of such courses and activities as the school district board
10 shall determine to be appropriate: PROVIDED, That such courses and
11 activities shall not conflict with the provisions of RCW 28A.305.130.
12 Attendance shall be voluntary.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. To cover all or part of the cost of
14 summer school programs, the superintendent of public instruction shall
15 allocate available funds based on the number of full-time equivalent
16 students in the district's summer school program and the percentage of
17 district annual average full-time equivalent students participating in
18 free or reduced price meal programs during the school year.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Every school district board of directors
20 shall adopt a written policy on the provision of school supplies and
21 waivers and reductions of school program fees for students whose
22 families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying
23 for them.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Every school district board of directors
25 shall annually provide notice reasonably calculated to inform all
26 students' parents or guardians of the availability of school supplies

1 and waivers and reductions of school program fees for students whose
2 families qualify due to low income.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The superintendent of public instruction
4 shall adopt rules necessary to implement sections 2 through 4 of this
5 act. The superintendent of public instruction shall, not later than
6 December 1, 1992, report to the legislature the methods used to
7 allocate the funds under section 2 of this act and other such data as
8 the superintendent may collect in relation to sections 2 through 4 of
9 this act.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are
11 each added to chapter 28A.600 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The sum of four hundred thousand
13 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
14 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the
15 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of section 2 of
16 this act.

17 (2) The funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated for
18 summer school in the 1991-92 school year. Appropriations for summer
19 school occurring in the 1992-93 and 1993-94 school years shall be
20 contained in the 1993-95 biennial budget. Appropriations for
21 subsequent two-year periods of summer school shall be in subsequent
22 biennial budgets.