
SENATE BILL 5463

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By Senators A. Smith, Bailey, Erwin, Rinehart, Owen, Pelz, Bauer, Conner and Skratek.

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1 AN ACT Relating to site-based councils; adding new sections to
2 chapter 28A.240 RCW; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in order to
6 achieve the goal of reforming the public schools, each citizen of the
7 state must accept the commitment of developing our most important
8 resource, our children. The legislature further finds that part of
9 building this commitment includes having persons in the field of
10 education form partnerships with other persons in the community. To
11 build a learning community, and develop this commitment, the
12 legislature intends:

13 (1) That school boards of directors, school administrators,
14 teachers, employee unions, and members of the community find new ways

1 of working collaboratively, changing existing policies and agreements
2 where appropriate;

3 (2) To encourage the creation of site-based councils, where
4 parents, teachers, and citizens will join to make decisions for our
5 schools; and

6 (3) To give school districts and schools broad discretion in
7 establishing their site-based councils.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A site-based council may be
9 established at one or more schools if the school district board of
10 directors has adopted a policy authorizing site-based councils. The
11 school district board of directors has final authority in establishing
12 the parameters and areas of involvement accorded to school site-based
13 councils.

14 (2) The policy adopted by a school district board of directors may
15 include but is not limited to:

16 (a) Procedures for forming a site-based council and official
17 recognition of the council by the district;

18 (b) Membership of the site-based council including the principal,
19 certificated and classified staff, students in secondary schools,
20 parents, and persons in the community. Existing organizations may be
21 used to form the site-based council;

22 (c) Designation of activities with which site-based councils may
23 become involved, such as: Development of school improvement plans,
24 including participation in the reach for excellence grant program
25 established under section 3 of this act, student assessment, parent
26 involvement, and developing community schools; and

27 (d) Delegation of authority to site-based councils to adopt their
28 own bylaws and charter.

1 (3) Each school district board of directors deciding to adopt a
2 policy authorizing site-based councils shall provide, by resolution,
3 plans for attendance policies that are consistent with the requirements
4 of any desegregation plan in order to promote stability for schools
5 with site-based councils.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If modifications to existing local
7 bargaining agreements are necessary to implement school site-based
8 councils, those modifications shall be clearly stated in the written
9 agreement between the school district board of directors and the
10 exclusive bargaining representative for district certificated
11 instructional staff. The requirement is not necessary if a previously
12 written agreement to waive the provisions of chapter 41.59 RCW for
13 schools with reach projects has been reached by the same two parties.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Schools with site-based councils may
15 receive funds to provide resources for restructuring their educational
16 programs. The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate
17 funds, as are appropriated for this purpose, to school districts to
18 distribute to the schools with site-based councils.

19 (2) School districts shall submit reports about the plans and use
20 of funds to the superintendent of public instruction. The
21 superintendent of public instruction may transmit information to other
22 schools and school districts through the state clearinghouse for
23 educational information and assistance.

24 (3) The superintendent of public instruction may provide technical
25 assistance under this section to any school or school district
26 establishing or using a site-based council.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are
2 each added to chapter 28A.240 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of five hundred thousand
4 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
5 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the
6 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of section 4 of
7 this act.