
SENATE BILL 5528

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By Senators Rinehart, Bailey, Murray and Erwin.

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1 AN ACT Relating to community support for education; amending 1990
2 c 290 s 2 (uncodified); adding a new section to chapter 27.04 RCW; and
3 repealing 1990 c 290 s 3 (uncodified).

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

5 **Sec. 1.** 1990 c 290 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The learn-in-libraries program is hereby created. The state
7 library commission shall administer the program.

8 (2) The state library commission may provide grants, with funds
9 appropriated for that purpose, to local libraries to develop and
10 implement learn-in-library programs that provide after school and
11 vacation programs for children. Grant applicants shall be encouraged
12 to develop programs that use older adult volunteers and other community
13 volunteer resources. The programs shall be designed to increase
14 literacy, improve reading skills, encourage reading, and provide
15 homework assistance for school-age children who would otherwise be

1 unsupervised. Applicants shall be encouraged to develop innovative
2 models to provide services.

3 (3) In addition to grants provided under subsection (2) of this
4 section, the state library commission may provide grants, with funds
5 appropriated for that purpose, to local libraries to develop and
6 implement other innovative programs for children throughout the year.
7 Programs may be developed in cooperation with a school district and
8 occur during the school day. Programs shall be designed to provide
9 services to children or to help provide training to parents or other
10 persons working with children in order to increase literacy, encourage
11 reading, promote reading readiness, and improve reading and other
12 learning skills. The commission shall encourage grant applicants to
13 develop programs that use older adult volunteers and other community
14 volunteer resources and to develop innovative models to provide
15 services.

16 (4) The state library commission shall report to the legislature on
17 the results of the program by December 1, 1991.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 1990 c 290 s 3 (uncodified) is repealed.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act is added to
20 chapter 27.04 RCW.