

2 ESHB 1333 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Human Services

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that:

8 (1) The number of youth who are members and associates of gangs and
9 commit gang violence has significantly increased throughout the entire
10 greater Puget Sound, Spokane, and other areas of the state;

11 (2) Youth gang violence has caused a tremendous strain on the
12 progress of the communities impacted. The loss of life, property, and
13 positive opportunity for growth caused by youth gang violence has
14 reached intolerable levels. Increased youth gang activity has
15 seriously strained the budgets of many local jurisdictions, as well as
16 threatened the ability of the educational system to educate our youth;

17 (3) Among youth gang members the high school drop-out rate is
18 significantly higher than among nongang members. Since the economic
19 future of our state depends on a highly educated and skilled work
20 force, this high school drop-out rate threatens the economic welfare of
21 our future work force, as well as the future economic growth of our
22 state;

23 (4) The unemployment rate among youth gang members is higher than
24 that among the general youth population. The unusual unemployment
25 rate, lack of education and skills, and the increased criminal activity
26 could significantly impact our future prison population;

27 (5) Most youth gangs are subcultural. This implies that gangs
28 provide the nurturing, discipline, and guidance to gang youth and
29 potential gang youth that is generally provided by communities and
30 other social systems. The subcultural designation means that youth
31 gang participation and violence can be effectively reduced in
32 Washington communities and schools through the involvement of
33 community, educational, criminal justice, and employment systems
34 working in a unified manner with parents and individuals who have a
35 firsthand knowledge of youth gangs and at-risk youth; and

1 (6) A strong unified effort among parents and community,
2 educational, criminal justice, and employment systems would facilitate:
3 (a) The learning process; (b) the control and reduction of gang
4 violence; (c) the prevention of youth joining negative gangs; and (d)
5 the intervention into youth gangs.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is the intent of the legislature to cause
7 the development of positive prevention and intervention pilot programs
8 for elementary and secondary age youth through cooperation between
9 individual schools, local organizations, and government. It is also
10 the intent of the legislature that if the prevention and intervention
11 pilot programs are determined to be effective in reducing problems
12 associated with youth gang violence, that other counties in the state
13 be eligible to receive special state funding to establish similar
14 positive prevention and intervention programs.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Unless the context otherwise requires, the
16 following definitions shall apply throughout sections 1 through 11 of
17 this act:

18 (1) "School" means any public school within a school district any
19 portion of which is in a county with a population of over one hundred
20 ninety thousand.

21 (2) "Community organization" means any organization recognized by
22 a city or county as such, as well as private, nonprofit organizations
23 registered with the secretary of state.

24 (3) "Gang risk prevention and intervention pilot program" means a
25 community-based positive prevention and intervention program for gang
26 members, potential gang members, at-risk youth, and elementary through
27 high school-aged youth directed at all of the following:

28 (a) Reducing the probability of youth involvement in gang
29 activities and consequent violence.

30 (b) Establishing ties, at an early age, between youth and community
31 organizations.

32 (c) Committing local business and community resources to positive
33 programming for youth.

34 (d) Committing state resources to assist in creating the gang risk
35 prevention and intervention pilot programs.

36 (4) "Cultural awareness retreat" means a program that temporarily
37 relocates at-risk youth or gang members and their parents from their

1 usual social environment to a different social environment, with the
2 specific purpose of having them performing activities which will
3 enhance or increase their positive behavior and potential life
4 successes.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The department of community development
6 may recommend existing programs or contract with either school
7 districts or community organizations, or both, through a request for
8 proposal process for the development, administration, and
9 implementation in the county of community-based gang risk prevention
10 and intervention pilot programs.

11 (2) Proposals by the school district for gang risk prevention and
12 intervention pilot program grant funding shall begin with school years
13 no sooner than the 1994-95 session, and last for a duration of two
14 years.

15 (3) The school district or community organization proposal shall
16 include:

17 (a) A description of the program goals, activities, and curriculum.
18 The description of the program goals shall include a list of measurable
19 objectives for the purpose of evaluation by the department of community
20 development. To the extent possible, proposals shall contain empirical
21 data on current problems, such as drop-out rates and occurrences of
22 violence on and off campus by school-age individuals.

23 (b) A description of the individual school or schools and the
24 geographic area to be affected by the program.

25 (c) A demonstration of broad-based support for the program from
26 business and community organizations.

27 (d) A clear description of the experience, expertise, and other
28 qualifications of the community organizations to conduct an effective
29 prevention and intervention program in cooperation with a school or a
30 group of schools.

31 (e) A proposed budget for expenditure of the grant.

32 (4) Grants awarded under this section may not be used for the
33 administrative costs of the school district or the individual school.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) A school district in a county with a
35 population of over one hundred ninety thousand may request proposals
36 for establishing gang risk prevention and intervention pilot programs
37 from either public entities that apply jointly with individual schools

1 or community organizations. The proposals shall be reviewed and
2 recommendations for awarding grants shall be made by a committee made
3 up of: (a) A representative from the school district taking the
4 proposal, appointed by the school district's board of directors; (b) a
5 representative appointed by the director of the department of community
6 development or designate; and (c) a representative from the local
7 juvenile court administration.

8 (2) A school district or community organization, upon its election
9 to enter into a contract pursuant to section 4 of this act, shall, no
10 later than March 1, 1994, submit a standard request for proposals.

11 (3) Proposals made to the department of community development must
12 comply with the conditions of the grant.

13 (4) The department of community development shall additionally
14 monitor and evaluate the gang risk prevention and intervention pilot
15 programs pursuant to the following criteria:

16 (a) Success in obtaining stated goals.

17 (b) Reduction in drop-out rates.

18 (c) Reduction in violence among students, on and off campus.

19 (d) Development of techniques for early identification of at-risk
20 youth.

21 (5) The school district or community organization shall report to
22 the department of community development the results of the program.

23 (6) Grants awarded under this section may not be used for
24 administrative costs of the school district or the individual school.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Gang risk prevention and intervention pilot
26 programs shall include, but are not limited to:

27 (1) Counseling for targeted at-risk students, parents, and
28 families, individually and collectively.

29 (2) Exposure to positive sports and cultural activities, promoting
30 affiliations between youth and the local community.

31 (3) Job training, which may include apprentice programs in
32 coordination with local businesses, job skills development at the
33 school, or information about vocational opportunities in the community.

34 (4) Positive interaction with local law enforcement personnel.

35 (5) The use of local organizations to provide job search training
36 skills.

37 (6) Cultural awareness retreats.

38 (7) The use of specified state resources, as requested.

- 1 (8) Full service schools under section 9 of this act.
2 (9) Community service such as volunteerism and citizenship.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) Upon request from the local community
4 organization receiving an award under section 5 of this act or the
5 granting local school district, or both, the employment security
6 department shall provide a job counselor or counselors to assist at
7 cultural awareness retreats. The counselor shall provide assistance
8 with the following:

9 (a) Testing for job occupation preferences.

10 (b) Information on the skills needed for different occupations.

11 (c) Coordinating the personal appearance of small business owners
12 or corporate managers to explain the type of skills and characteristics
13 businesses currently need in prospective employees, as well as those of
14 prospective future employees.

15 (d) Establishing a business mentor program between the small
16 business owners or corporate managers and the youth who are willing to
17 participate.

18 (e) Establishing a specific program that provides help with
19 employment opportunities for youth who attend cultural awareness
20 retreats.

21 The department may provide other services than those specified.

22 (2) Upon request from the local community organization awarded the
23 grant, the local school district, or both, the department may provide
24 those services specified in subsection (1) of this section for the
25 youth who are receiving services from the local community organization.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Upon request from the local community
27 organization receiving an award under section 5 of this act or the
28 granting local school district, or both, the department of labor and
29 industries shall:

30 (1) Provide information and assistance with regards to the skills
31 and educational backgrounds needed to apply for apprenticeship
32 programs.

33 (2) Provide direction and assistance with applications for
34 apprenticeship programs.

35 (3) Explore and examine the feasibility of establishing
36 preapprenticeship programs for those youth who cannot qualify for

1 apprenticeships because of age or educational deficiencies, and are
2 participating or have participated in the retreat.

3 (4) Provide assistance for and coordination of the personal
4 appearance of representatives of the joint apprenticeship committee
5 with the specific purpose of discussing the skills needed to perform
6 different occupations.

7 (5) Provide assistance for and coordination of the establishment of
8 a joint apprenticeship mentor program with those youth who are
9 participating or have participated in the retreat program.

10 The department may provide other services.

11 Upon request from the local community organization receiving the
12 award under section 5 of this act or the local school district, or
13 both, the department shall provide the services in this section either
14 at the grant-receiving school or at the cultural awareness retreat, or
15 both.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The purpose of a full service school
17 shall be to increase the interaction between youth and the community at
18 large. A full service school shall provide a wide range of
19 opportunities for all citizens, including goals under RCW 28A.620.010
20 (1), (2), (3), and (6), and subsection (2) of this section.

21 (2) Either the local school district or the local community
22 organization, or both, that received a grant under section 5 of this
23 act shall work with other community organizations, the superintendent
24 of public instruction, and school personnel in the selected school to
25 determine the services needed by the community that shall be offered at
26 the full service school.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) Upon request, the division of juvenile
28 rehabilitation shall through cooperation with private business or
29 through interagency agreement with the state parks and recreation
30 commission or department of natural resources, or both, provide
31 facilities for cultural awareness retreats. The requests for
32 facilities must be made by one of the following: (a) The community
33 organization receiving the grant, or (b) the local school district that
34 assisted in awarding the grant. The division may provide other
35 services as requested.

36 (2) The services may be, but are not limited to, persons
37 knowledgeable of juvenile gang behavior.

1 (3) Upon receiving a request for cultural awareness retreat
2 facilities, the division shall notify the departments of employment
3 security and labor and industries of the organization requesting the
4 retreat, and the time, place, and date of the retreat.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Cultural awareness retreats shall include
6 but are not limited to the following programs:

7 (1) To develop positive attitudes and self-esteem.

8 (2) To develop youth decision-making ability.

9 (3) To assist with career development and educational development.

10 (4) To help develop respect for the community, and ethnic origin.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 2 through 11 of this act shall
12 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** If specific funding for the purposes of
14 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
15 30, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
16 void."

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20 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "reduction;" strike the
21 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 43
22 RCW; and creating new sections."

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