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SENATE BILL 5322

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By Senators Talmadge, Moyer and Winsley

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1            AN ACT Relating to programs for highly capable students; amending  
2 RCW 28A.150.370, 28A.185.020, and 28A.185.030; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 28A.185 RCW; making an appropriation; providing an effective  
4 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.370 and 1990 c 33 s 114 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8            In addition to those state funds provided to school districts for  
9 basic education, the legislature shall appropriate funds for pupil  
10 transportation, in accordance with RCW 28A.150.100 through  
11 (~~28A.150.430~~) 28A.150.420, 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.220,  
12 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010, for programs for highly capable students  
13 under chapter 28A.185 RCW, and for programs for handicapped students,  
14 in accordance with RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100. The  
15 legislature may appropriate funds to be distributed to school districts  
16 for population factors such as urban costs, enrollment fluctuations and  
17 for special programs, including but not limited to, vocational-  
18 technical institutes, compensatory programs, bilingual education,

1 urban, rural, racial and disadvantaged programs, programs for gifted  
2 students, and other special programs.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.185.020 and 1990 c 33 s 168 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 ~~((Supplementary))~~ Funds as ~~((may))~~ shall be provided by the state  
6 for this program, in accordance with RCW 28A.150.370, shall be  
7 categorical funding on an excess cost basis based upon a per student  
8 amount not less than two percent but not to exceed three percent of any  
9 district's full-time equivalent enrollment.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.185.030 and 1984 c 278 s 13 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 Local school districts ~~((may))~~ shall establish and operate, either  
13 separately or jointly, programs for highly capable students. Such  
14 authority shall include the right to employ and pay special instructors  
15 and to operate such programs jointly with a public institution of  
16 higher education. Local school districts which establish and operate  
17 programs for highly capable students shall adopt identification  
18 procedures and provide educational opportunities as follows:

19 (1) In accordance with rules ~~((and regulations))~~ adopted by the  
20 superintendent of public instruction, school districts shall implement  
21 procedures for nomination, assessment and selection of their most  
22 highly capable students. Nominations shall be based upon data from  
23 teachers, other staff, parents, students, and members of the community.  
24 Assessment shall be based upon a review of each student's capability as  
25 shown by multiple criteria intended to reveal, from a wide variety of  
26 sources and data, each student's unique needs and capabilities.  
27 Selection shall be made by a broadly based committee of professionals,  
28 after consideration of the results of the multiple criteria assessment.

29 (2) Students selected pursuant to procedures outlined in this  
30 section shall be provided ~~((, to the extent feasible,))~~ an educational  
31 opportunity which takes into account each student's unique needs and  
32 capabilities and the limits of the resources and program options  
33 available to the district, including those options which can be  
34 developed or provided by using funds allocated by the superintendent of  
35 public instruction for that purpose.

36 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules  
37 establishing minimum program standards. The rules may address issues

1 including hours of service, if and when it is appropriate to combine  
2 programs for highly capable students and other students, and evaluation  
3 standards for highly capable students.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.185  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the  
7 qualifications for certificated employees teaching highly capable  
8 students in a program for highly capable students.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one hundred forty thousand  
10 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
11 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the  
12 superintendent of public instruction to provide for a full-time  
13 coordinator of the program for highly capable students.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
17 effect July 1, 1993.

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