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1 AN ACT Relating to lifelong learning and community involvement in
2 education; adding a new chapter to Title 28A RCW; 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 citizens in
6 communities throughout Washington face many challenges that education
7 can help them to meet and overcome. Transitions between home life and
8 school, between school and work, between careers, and between phases of
9 life demand that ongoing education and readiness for change be fostered
10 throughout the lives of Washington citizens. The legislature finds
11 that lifelong learning, and the community involvement it promotes, will
12 help Washington meet the challenges of the next century and of our
13 changing economy. The legislature further finds that, through
14 effective and efficient pooling of educational resources, citizens'
15 educational opportunities will be enhanced and tied in a relevant way
16 to the community outside the school. The legislature finds that
17 educational opportunities in a community might include early childhood
18 education; parenting education and parent involvement; literacy
19 training; job training and retraining; technical preparation programs;

1 student career academies and career centers for all citizens; student
2 apprenticeships, internships, and job mentor programs; tutoring; school
3 staff sabbaticals; programs for business and labor participation in
4 schools; release-time programs for community members to participate in
5 schools; and other types of adult education, including programs for
6 senior citizens. These services might be provided by state or
7 community-based agencies including, but not limited to: Public
8 schools, including skills centers; counties, cities, and towns,
9 including parks departments, health departments, and libraries;
10 community and technical colleges; business and labor organizations;
11 service organizations; and private and nonprofit organizations.

12 The legislature finds that effective and efficient coordination of
13 all community educational services can provide for the life-long
14 learning and positive community involvement of Washington's citizens.
15 To promote lifelong learning and community involvement in education,
16 the legislature intends:

17 (1) That coordination of local services that promote lifelong
18 learning and community involvement in education be improved by creating
19 a council of state agencies that will encourage local flexibility,
20 provide technical assistance, and provide grants to promote community-
21 based collaboration;

22 (2) That lifelong learning and community involvement in education
23 be fostered through creating opportunities for local citizens to be
24 involved in coordinated planning of community efforts.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
26 otherwise, as used in this chapter, "lifelong learning and community
27 involvement in education" means coordinated efforts in communities that
28 provide education to citizens of all ages, in a variety of settings,
29 and, to the extent possible, with shared funding, sites, and staffing.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington state council for
31 lifelong learning and community involvement in education is created.
32 The council shall be composed of the following voting members, or their
33 designees: The superintendent of public instruction, the chair of the
34 state board of education, the chair of the state board for community
35 and technical colleges, the chair of the higher education coordinating
36 board, the chair of the work force training and education coordinating
37 board, the chair of the family policy council, the director of the

1 department of community development, the commissioner of the employment
2 security department, the director of the department of labor and
3 industries, the state librarian, and, appointed by the governor,
4 representatives of both business and labor, and other groups providing
5 lifelong learning and community involvement services.

6 (2) The council shall select its own chairperson and meet at the
7 call of the chairperson.

8 (3) Staff support shall be provided to the extent necessary by the
9 state agencies represented on the council. The council may contract
10 for services as necessary.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The duties of the council shall include, but
12 not be limited to:

13 (1) Identifying programs offered by each state agency or board that
14 promote lifelong learning and community involvement in education;
15 identifying barriers to community level coordination of services; and
16 requesting the affected agencies to provide waivers, as necessary, from
17 state-level requirements if those requirements prevent or inhibit
18 coordination of programs for lifelong learning and community
19 involvement in education;

20 (2) Providing assistance to local communities to coordinate
21 programs for lifelong learning and community involvement in education;

22 (3) Developing and administering grant programs to develop programs
23 in local communities that promote lifelong learning and community
24 involvement in education. Communities shall be encouraged to
25 coordinate resources for programs and resources for facilities;

26 (4) Identifying statutory changes required to promote local
27 collaboration for lifelong learning and community involvement in
28 education;

29 (5) Coordinating, where possible, with collaborative efforts of the
30 state family policy council and other state-level entities to link the
31 provision of education-related and other human service-related programs
32 in communities;

33 (6) Promoting different models of developing lifelong learning and
34 community involvement in education programs throughout the state and
35 helping the exchange of information among communities; and

36 (7) Reporting back to the legislature by December 1994, and every
37 two years thereafter. The initial report shall contain recommendations
38 for changes to statutes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Each local community shall be encouraged
2 to develop and submit a plan to the council for delivery of services
3 that promote lifelong learning and community involvement in education,
4 including a description of the geographical area included in the
5 lifelong learning and community involvement in education plan. The
6 plan shall identify all federal, state, and local resources available
7 at the local level for lifelong learning and community involvement in
8 education, assess the lifelong learning needs of persons in the
9 community, and assign a lead agency to coordinate collaborative
10 delivery of services. All affected local agencies and entities shall
11 participate in creation of the local plan. Existing organizations may
12 be used to develop the lifelong learning and community involvement in
13 education plan, or to serve as the lead agency.

14 (2) Communities with lifelong learning and community involvement in
15 education plans are eligible to apply for grants to provide services
16 and promote collaboration between services.

17 (3) Any community may request technical assistance to develop
18 lifelong learning and community involvement in education plans or
19 further develop lifelong learning and community involvement in
20 education opportunities in the community.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
22 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
23 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the council for lifelong
24 learning and community involvement in education to provide technical
25 assistance and grants to local communities to develop lifelong learning
26 and community involvement in education plans and services under section
27 5 of this act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
29 constitute a new chapter in Title 28A RCW.

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