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By Senators Bauer, Wojahn, Oke, Pelz and Rinehart; by request of  
Legislative Budget Committee

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1 AN ACT Relating to special services demonstration projects;  
2 amending RCW 28A.630.845 and 28A.630.850; and repealing RCW  
3 28A.630.851.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.630.845 and 1992 c 180 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that the state system of funding  
8 handicapped education has fiscal incentives to label children as  
9 handicapped and that unnecessary labeling can be detrimental to  
10 children. The legislature encourages demonstration projects that  
11 provide needed services without unnecessary labeling. To test this  
12 approach, the legislature intends to maintain the funding level for  
13 innovative special services programs that reduce the incidence of  
14 unnecessary labeling.

15 (2) School districts may propose demonstration projects under this  
16 ((section)) subsection to provide needed services and achieve major  
17 reductions in the percentage of district students labeled as  
18 handicapped in one or more specified categories. State handicapped  
19 funding for districts with such projects shall be based ((for the

1 duration of the project and for two years after the end of the  
2 project)) on the average percentage of the kindergarten through twelfth  
3 grade enrollment in the specified categories ((during the 1991-92  
4 school year or, for projects approved after April 1, 1992,)) during the  
5 school year before the start of the project.

6 (3) School districts with specific learning disabled enrollment at  
7 or above four percent of the district's kindergarten through twelfth  
8 grade enrollment may propose demonstration projects under this  
9 subsection to provide needed services and reduce unnecessary labeling  
10 to below the four percent level. When the specific learning disabled  
11 enrollment is below the four percent level, funding for the district  
12 shall be based on four percent of the kindergarten through twelfth  
13 grade enrollment considered as specific learning disabled, without  
14 regard to the actual number of students so identified.

15 (4) Funding under subsections (2) and (3) of this section is  
16 contingent on the following: (a) The funding is spent on children  
17 needing special services; and (b) the overall percentage of first  
18 through twelfth grade students in the district labeled as handicapped  
19 declines each year of the project ((after the 1991-92 school year)),  
20 excluding handicapped students who transfer into the district.

21 ((4) School districts with approved demonstration projects that  
22 wish to convert to a project under this section shall by May 1, 1992,  
23 notify the selection advisory committee and the superintendent of  
24 public instruction and propose appropriate modifications to the  
25 project.

26 (5) This section expires September 1, 1997.)

27 (5) The selection advisory committee shall request proposals for up  
28 to ten more projects under this section and make appropriate  
29 recommendations to the superintendent of public instruction.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.630.850 and 1991 c 265 s 7 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 ((Sections 1 through 5 of this act)) RCW 28A.630.820 through  
33 28A.630.845 shall expire ((January 1, 1996)) September 1, 2001.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.630.851 and 1992 c 180 s 4 are each  
35 repealed.

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