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1 AN ACT Relating to child care for school-age children; adding new
2 sections to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.335
3 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that there has been a dramatic increase
8 in participation of women in the work force that has made the
9 availability of quality, affordable child care a critical concern for
10 the state and its citizens. An unacceptably high number of children
11 ages five to fourteen have no adult supervision when school is not in
12 session and their parents are at work. These "latchkey" children are
13 at increased risk of lower academic achievement, emotional and social
14 adjustment problems, and substance abuse. Children age eleven to
15 fourteen are particularly at risk for making destructive choices about
16 alcohol and drugs, tobacco, sexual activity, gang involvement, and
17 their overall role in society. The lack of affordable before-and-
18 after-school child care programs also represents a lost opportunity for

1 school-aged children to gain academically, develop social skills, and
2 increase their self-reliance.

3 (2) It is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage and
4 support efforts by local communities to develop affordable, quality
5 before-and-after-school child care programs by:

6 (a) Raising awareness of the benefits children and their parents
7 can realize through participation in before-and-after-school child care
8 programs;

9 (b) Providing technical assistance to local communities in their
10 efforts to develop before-and-after-school child care programs through
11 state agencies and child care resource and referral programs; and

12 (c) Providing financial support, to the extent of available federal
13 and state funds, for before-and-after-school child care through
14 subsidies for low-income families and direct assistance for start-up
15 and expansion of before-and-after-school child care programs to reduce
16 inequities among populations or communities.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.335
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 After July 1, 1994, in reviewing and approving projects for school
20 construction and modernization under its priority system, the state
21 board of education shall allocate priority points to districts that
22 have implemented or made a commitment to implement before-and-after-
23 school child care programs in projects for which funding is requested.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 The child care coordinating committee, established pursuant to RCW
27 74.13.090, shall administer grant funds for before-and-after-school
28 child care programs for school-aged children. A school district or
29 community-based organization may receive a grant under this section
30 only if the district or organization has adopted a fee schedule based
31 on the projected costs of services and has submitted to the child care
32 coordinating committee an operating plan demonstrating that, after its
33 initial twenty-four months of operation, the program is expected to be
34 fully supported through fees, other local revenues and child care
35 subsidy payments made by the department of social and health services
36 or other agencies on behalf of the children of low-income families
37 using the program. The grants may be used for establishing new

1 programs or for expanding existing programs, but may not be used for
2 costs incurred more than twenty-four months after the establishment of
3 a before-and-after-school program at a particular site. No grant may
4 support more than seventy-five percent of a district's or
5 organization's program costs during the initial twenty-four months.
6 The grants may be used for community needs assessments, planning and
7 design of programs, equipment and supplies, capital improvements
8 including portables, and initial operating expenses, for the first six
9 months of operation. School districts or community-based organizations
10 shall be selected to receive grants based on documented demand for
11 expansion of child care services, and, in particular, demand from low-
12 income families.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of seven hundred fifty thousand
14 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
15 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the
16 department of social and health services solely for start-up grants for
17 before-and-after-school child care programs for school-aged children as
18 provided for in section 3 of this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one million one hundred dollars,
20 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
21 biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department
22 of social and health services for child care subsidies for six hundred
23 fifty school-aged children from low-income families who are not
24 recipients of aid to families with dependent children.

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