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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Pelz, M. Rasmussen, Skratek and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the learning and life skills program for court-
2 involved youth; adding a new chapter to Title 13 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The learning and life skills grant program
6 is created. The purpose of the program is to provide services, to the
7 extent funds are appropriated, for court-involved youth under the age
8 of twenty-one to help the youth attain the necessary life skills and
9 educational skills to obtain a certificate of educational competency,
10 obtain employment, return to a school program, or enter a postsecondary
11 education or job-training program.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
13 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
14 chapter.

15 (1) "Court-involved youth" means those youth under the age of
16 twenty-one who, within the past twenty-four months:

17 (a) Have served a court-imposed sentence;

18 (b) Are or have been on probation or parole; or

1 (c) Are involved in a legal proceeding in which the youth may be
2 found to have committed a criminal or juvenile offense and are not
3 participating in a diversion agreement under RCW 13.40.080.

4 (2) "Department" means the department of social and health
5 services.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The learning and life skills program
7 grants shall be administered by the department.

8 (2) The department shall select individual school districts or
9 groups of school districts through an educational service district that
10 agree to establish a program for court-involved youth. To be eligible
11 for grants, the district shall agree to expend for the program no less
12 than the amount of state funds received on a full-time equivalent
13 student basis for the number of full-time equivalent students
14 participating in the program. The school district shall also transmit
15 to the program any federal funds received for students participating in
16 the program. During the 1994-95 school year, only school districts or
17 educational service districts operating a program for court-involved
18 youth on or before June 1, 1993, are eligible for grants.

19 (3) The department shall grant funds, to the extent funds are
20 appropriated, to selected districts for the district to provide or
21 contract for the provision of facilities and case management and
22 counseling services for students in the program.

23 (4) In selecting districts, the department shall require districts
24 to enter into agreements. Districts participating in the program shall
25 agree to the following: To serve only court-involved youth in the
26 program and give priority to those students who have few other
27 educational options; to design a program to meet the specific needs of
28 court-involved youth generally and the specific needs of individual
29 students; to collaborate with the county courts and local community
30 organizations; and to define program goals clearly.

31 (5) The department has the authority to withhold grant funds if
32 the terms of the agreement are not met.

33 (6) Selected districts shall establish procedures to keep daily
34 attendance records for students participating in the program.

35 (7) Selected districts shall agree to participate fully in an
36 evaluation of the program by the department.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department may adopt rules, as
2 necessary, to carry out its duties under this program.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall periodically evaluate
4 the program including but not limited to providing data on the youth
5 served, the type and extent of court involvement, the type of services
6 provided, the length of stay of each student in the program, the
7 academic progress of the youth, the recidivism rate, and rates of
8 employment and enrollment in postsecondary education.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
10 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
11 1994, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
12 void.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
14 constitute a new chapter in Title 13 RCW.

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