

2 **2SHB 1036 - H AMD 135 WITHDRAWN 3/8/95**

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The legislature finds that student learning in Washington state  
10 will increase if the organizations and individuals in the K-12  
11 education system use available funds more economically and efficiently.  
12 In order to increase economy and efficiency at the state level, the  
13 state auditor shall conduct a comprehensive performance audit of the  
14 office of the superintendent of public instruction. It is the intent  
15 of the legislature to audit programs operated and/or implemented by the  
16 office of the superintendent of public instruction and that funds saved  
17 through increased economy and efficiency in the office of the  
18 superintendent of public instruction be directed to the classroom.

19 (2) The audit must include:

20 (a) An evaluation of the efficiency with which the office of the  
21 superintendent of public instruction operates the programs under its  
22 jurisdiction and fulfills the duties assigned to it by law;

23 (b) A determination of methods to maximize the amount of federal  
24 funds received by the state in order to better ensure that the people  
25 of Washington receive a greater share of the taxes levied on them by  
26 the federal government;

27 (c) Identification of potential cost savings and of any program or  
28 service now offered by the office of the superintendent of public  
29 instruction that can be eliminated or transferred to the private sector  
30 without injury to the public good and well-being;

31 (d) Recommendations for the elimination of or reduction in funding  
32 to various agencies, programs, or services based on the results of the  
33 performance audit;

34 (e) Analysis of gaps and overlaps in programs offered by the office  
35 of the superintendent of public instruction and recommendations for  
36 improving, dropping, blending, or separating functions to correct gaps

1 or overlaps;

2 (f) Which activities of the office of the superintendent of public  
3 instruction are a result of legal mandates; which activities are the  
4 result of legislative and/or client requests; and which activities do  
5 not serve a useful purpose; and

6 (g) What fiscal savings could be achieved by the state or by  
7 districts by eliminating the programs that are determined to serve no  
8 useful purpose.

9 (3) The state auditor may require any state agency to provide  
10 information required for completion of the audit, and each state agency  
11 shall fully and completely cooperate with the state auditor for the  
12 purposes of this section.

13 (4) The office of the state auditor shall provide the staff  
14 necessary for the audit. The state auditor shall involve private-  
15 sector professional and technical experts in conducting the audit, and  
16 may contract with private-sector professionals and technical experts  
17 for that purpose.

18 (5) The state auditor shall solicit suggestions for purposes of  
19 this audit from legislators, the governor, school district and  
20 educational service district employees, parents, students, state-wide  
21 education and parent associations, and other appropriate interest  
22 groups.

23 (6) The state auditor may require the superintendent of public  
24 instruction to provide information required for completion of the  
25 audit, and the superintendent shall fully and completely cooperate with  
26 the auditor for the purposes of this section.

27 (7) The restriction on conducting performance verifications by the  
28 state auditor in RCW 43.88.160(6)(c) does not apply to this section.

29 (8) The state auditor shall report its findings to the legislature  
30 by November 15, 1995.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
32 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,  
33 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
35 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
36 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
37 effect immediately.

1      NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act shall expire December 31, 1995."

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