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1 AN ACT Relating to schools; amending RCW 13.40.160, 13.40.215,
2 28A.225.225, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.420, 28A.205.020, and 28A.205.080;
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.160 and 1995 c 395 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) When the respondent is found to be a serious offender, the
8 court shall commit the offender to the department for the standard
9 range of disposition for the offense, as indicated in option A of
10 schedule D-3, RCW 13.40.0357 except as provided in subsections (5) and
11 (6) of this section.

12 If the court concludes, and enters reasons for its conclusion, that
13 disposition within the standard range would effectuate a manifest
14 injustice the court shall impose a disposition outside the standard
15 range, as indicated in option B of schedule D-3, RCW 13.40.0357. The
16 court's finding of manifest injustice shall be supported by clear and
17 convincing evidence.

18 A disposition outside the standard range shall be determinate and
19 shall be comprised of confinement or community supervision, or a

1 combination thereof. When a judge finds a manifest injustice and
2 imposes a sentence of confinement exceeding thirty days, the court
3 shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term, and the provisions of
4 RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range. A disposition
5 outside the standard range is appealable under RCW 13.40.230 by the
6 state or the respondent. A disposition within the standard range is
7 not appealable under RCW 13.40.230.

8 (2) Where the respondent is found to be a minor or first offender,
9 the court shall order that the respondent serve a term of community
10 supervision as indicated in option A or option B of schedule D-1, RCW
11 13.40.0357 except as provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this
12 section. If the court determines that a disposition of community
13 supervision would effectuate a manifest injustice the court may impose
14 another disposition under option C of schedule D-1, RCW 13.40.0357.
15 Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a disposition
16 other than a community supervision may be imposed only after the court
17 enters reasons upon which it bases its conclusions that imposition of
18 community supervision would effectuate a manifest injustice. When a
19 judge finds a manifest injustice and imposes a sentence of confinement
20 exceeding thirty days, the court shall sentence the juvenile to a
21 maximum term, and the provisions of RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to
22 determine the range. The court's finding of manifest injustice shall
23 be supported by clear and convincing evidence.

24 Except for disposition of community supervision or a disposition
25 imposed pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, a disposition may
26 be appealed as provided in RCW 13.40.230 by the state or the
27 respondent. A disposition of community supervision or a disposition
28 imposed pursuant to subsection (5) of this section may not be appealed
29 under RCW 13.40.230.

30 (3) Where a respondent is found to have committed an offense for
31 which the respondent declined to enter into a diversion agreement, the
32 court shall impose a term of community supervision limited to the
33 conditions allowed in a diversion agreement as provided in RCW
34 13.40.080(2).

35 (4) If a respondent is found to be a middle offender:

36 (a) The court shall impose a determinate disposition within the
37 standard range(s) for such offense, as indicated in option A of
38 schedule D-2, RCW 13.40.0357 except as provided in subsections (5) and
39 (6) of this section. If the standard range includes a term of

1 confinement exceeding thirty days, commitment shall be to the
2 department for the standard range of confinement; or

3 (b) If the middle offender has less than 110 points, the court
4 shall impose a determinate disposition of community supervision and/or
5 up to thirty days confinement, as indicated in option B of schedule D-
6 2, RCW 13.40.0357 in which case, if confinement has been imposed, the
7 court shall state either aggravating or mitigating factors as set forth
8 in RCW 13.40.150. If the middle offender has 110 points or more, the
9 court may impose a disposition under option A and may suspend the
10 disposition on the condition that the offender serve up to thirty days
11 of confinement and follow all conditions of community supervision. If
12 the offender violates any condition of the disposition including
13 conditions of a probation bond, the court may impose sanctions pursuant
14 to RCW 13.40.200 or may revoke the suspension and order execution of
15 the disposition. The court shall give credit for any confinement time
16 previously served if that confinement was for the offense for which the
17 suspension is being revoked.

18 (c) Only if the court concludes, and enters reasons for its
19 conclusions, that disposition as provided in subsection (4)(a) or (b)
20 of this section would effectuate a manifest injustice, the court shall
21 sentence the juvenile to a maximum term, and the provisions of RCW
22 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range. The court's finding
23 of manifest injustice shall be supported by clear and convincing
24 evidence.

25 (d) A disposition pursuant to subsection (4)(c) of this section is
26 appealable under RCW 13.40.230 by the state or the respondent. A
27 disposition pursuant to subsection (4)(a) or (b) of this section is not
28 appealable under RCW 13.40.230.

29 (5) When a serious, middle, or minor first offender is found to
30 have committed a sex offense, other than a sex offense that is also a
31 serious violent offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, and has no history
32 of a prior sex offense, the court, on its own motion or the motion of
33 the state or the respondent, may order an examination to determine
34 whether the respondent is amenable to treatment.

35 The report of the examination shall include at a minimum the
36 following: The respondent's version of the facts and the official
37 version of the facts, the respondent's offense history, an assessment
38 of problems in addition to alleged deviant behaviors, the respondent's
39 social, educational, and employment situation, and other evaluation

1 measures used. The report shall set forth the sources of the
2 evaluator's information.

3 The examiner shall assess and report regarding the respondent's
4 amenability to treatment and relative risk to the community. A
5 proposed treatment plan shall be provided and shall include, at a
6 minimum:

7 (a)(i) Frequency and type of contact between the offender and
8 therapist;

9 (ii) Specific issues to be addressed in the treatment and
10 description of planned treatment modalities;

11 (iii) Monitoring plans, including any requirements regarding living
12 conditions, lifestyle requirements, and monitoring by family members,
13 legal guardians, or others;

14 (iv) Anticipated length of treatment; and

15 (v) Recommended crime-related prohibitions.

16 The court on its own motion may order, or on a motion by the state
17 shall order, a second examination regarding the offender's amenability
18 to treatment. The evaluator shall be selected by the party making the
19 motion. The defendant shall pay the cost of any second examination
20 ordered unless the court finds the defendant to be indigent in which
21 case the state shall pay the cost.

22 After receipt of reports of the examination, the court shall then
23 consider whether the offender and the community will benefit from use
24 of this special sex offender disposition alternative and consider the
25 victim's opinion whether the offender should receive a treatment
26 disposition under this section. If the court determines that this
27 special sex offender disposition alternative is appropriate, then the
28 court shall impose a determinate disposition within the standard range
29 for the offense, and the court may suspend the execution of the
30 disposition and place the offender on community supervision for up to
31 two years. As a condition of the suspended disposition, the court may
32 impose the conditions of community supervision and other conditions,
33 including up to thirty days of confinement and requirements that the
34 offender do any one or more of the following:

35 (b)(i) Devote time to a specific education, employment, or
36 occupation;

37 (ii) Undergo available outpatient sex offender treatment for up to
38 two years, or inpatient sex offender treatment not to exceed the
39 standard range of confinement for that offense. A community mental

1 health center may not be used for such treatment unless it has an
2 appropriate program designed for sex offender treatment. The
3 respondent shall not change sex offender treatment providers or
4 treatment conditions without first notifying the prosecutor, the
5 probation counselor, and the court, and shall not change providers
6 without court approval after a hearing if the prosecutor or probation
7 counselor object to the change;

8 (iii) Remain within prescribed geographical boundaries and notify
9 the court or the probation counselor prior to any change in the
10 offender's address, educational program, or employment;

11 (iv) Report to the prosecutor and the probation counselor prior to
12 any change in a sex offender treatment provider. This change shall
13 have prior approval by the court;

14 (v) Report as directed to the court and a probation counselor;

15 (vi) Pay all court-ordered legal financial obligations, perform
16 community service, or any combination thereof;

17 (vii) Make restitution to the victim for the cost of any counseling
18 reasonably related to the offense; ((or))

19 (viii) Comply with the conditions of any court-ordered probation
20 bond; or

21 (ix) The court shall order that the offender may not attend the
22 public or approved private elementary, middle, or high school attended
23 by the victim or the victim's siblings. The parents or legal guardians
24 of the offender are responsible for transportation or other costs
25 associated with the offender's change of school that would otherwise be
26 paid by the school district. The court shall send notice of the
27 disposition and restriction on attending the same school as the victim
28 or victim's siblings to the public or approved private school the
29 juvenile will attend, if known, or if unknown, to the approved private
30 schools and the public school district board of directors of the
31 district in which the juvenile resides or intends to reside. This
32 notice must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than
33 ten calendar days after entry of the disposition.

34 The sex offender treatment provider shall submit quarterly reports
35 on the respondent's progress in treatment to the court and the parties.
36 The reports shall reference the treatment plan and include at a minimum
37 the following: Dates of attendance, respondent's compliance with
38 requirements, treatment activities, the respondent's relative progress

1 in treatment, and any other material specified by the court at the time
2 of the disposition.

3 At the time of the disposition, the court may set treatment review
4 hearings as the court considers appropriate.

5 Except as provided in this subsection (5), after July 1, 1991,
6 examinations and treatment ordered pursuant to this subsection shall
7 only be conducted by sex offender treatment providers certified by the
8 department of health pursuant to chapter 18.155 RCW. A sex offender
9 therapist who examines or treats a juvenile sex offender pursuant to
10 this subsection does not have to be certified by the department of
11 health pursuant to chapter 18.155 RCW if the court finds that: (A) The
12 offender has already moved to another state or plans to move to another
13 state for reasons other than circumventing the certification
14 requirements; (B) no certified providers are available for treatment
15 within a reasonable geographical distance of the offender's home; and
16 (C) the evaluation and treatment plan comply with this subsection (5)
17 and the rules adopted by the department of health.

18 If the offender violates any condition of the disposition or the
19 court finds that the respondent is failing to make satisfactory
20 progress in treatment, the court may revoke the suspension and order
21 execution of the disposition or the court may impose a penalty of up to
22 thirty days' confinement for violating conditions of the disposition.
23 The court may order both execution of the disposition and up to thirty
24 days' confinement for the violation of the conditions of the
25 disposition. The court shall give credit for any confinement time
26 previously served if that confinement was for the offense for which the
27 suspension is being revoked.

28 For purposes of this section, "victim" means any person who has
29 sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to
30 person or property as a direct result of the crime charged. "Victim"
31 may also include a known parent or guardian of a victim who is a minor
32 child unless the parent or guardian is the perpetrator of the offense.

33 (6) RCW 13.40.193 shall govern the disposition of any juvenile
34 adjudicated of possessing a firearm in violation of RCW
35 9.41.040(1)((+e)) (b)(iii) or any crime in which a special finding is
36 entered that the juvenile was armed with a firearm.

37 (7) Whenever a juvenile offender is entitled to credit for time
38 spent in detention prior to a dispositional order, the dispositional

1 order shall specifically state the number of days of credit for time
2 served.

3 (8) Except as provided for in subsection (4)(b) or (5) of this
4 section or RCW 13.40.125, the court shall not suspend or defer the
5 imposition or the execution of the disposition.

6 (9) In no case shall the term of confinement imposed by the court
7 at disposition exceed that to which an adult could be subjected for the
8 same offense.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.40.215 and 1995 c 324 s 1 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, at the
12 earliest possible date, and in no event later than thirty days before
13 discharge, parole, or any other authorized leave or release, or before
14 transfer to a community residential facility, the secretary shall send
15 written notice of the discharge, parole, authorized leave or release,
16 or transfer of a juvenile found to have committed a violent offense, a
17 sex offense, or stalking, to the following:

18 (i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the juvenile
19 will reside;

20 (ii) The sheriff of the county in which the juvenile will reside;
21 and

22 (iii) The approved private schools and the common school district
23 board of directors of the district in which the juvenile intends to
24 reside or the approved private school or public school district in
25 which the juvenile last attended school, whichever is appropriate,
26 except when it has been determined by the department that the juvenile
27 is twenty-one years old; is not required to return to school under
28 chapter 28A.225 RCW; or will be in the community for less than seven
29 consecutive days on approved leave and will not be attending school
30 during that time.

31 (b) After the effective date of this act, the department shall send
32 a written notice to approved private and public schools under the same
33 conditions identified in subsection (1)(a)(iii) of this section when a
34 juvenile adjudicated of any offense is transferred to a community
35 residential facility.

36 (c) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be
37 sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing
38 about a specific juvenile:

1 (i) The victim of the offense for which the juvenile was found to
2 have committed or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

3 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the juvenile in any court
4 proceedings involving the offense; and

5 (iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.
6 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the
7 notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by
8 the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
9 confidential and shall not be available to the juvenile. The notice to
10 the chief of police or the sheriff shall include the identity of the
11 juvenile, the residence where the juvenile will reside, the identity of
12 the person, if any, responsible for supervising the juvenile, and the
13 time period of any authorized leave.

14 ~~((e))~~ (d) The thirty-day notice requirements contained in this
15 subsection shall not apply to emergency medical furloughs.

16 ~~((d))~~ (e) The existence of the notice requirements in this
17 subsection will not require any extension of the release date in the
18 event the release plan changes after notification.

19 (2)(a) If a juvenile found to have committed a violent offense, a
20 sex offense, or stalking escapes from a facility of the department, the
21 secretary shall immediately notify, by the most reasonable and
22 expedient means available, the chief of police of the city and the
23 sheriff of the county in which the juvenile resided immediately before
24 the juvenile's arrest. If previously requested, the secretary shall
25 also notify the witnesses and the victim of the offense which the
26 juvenile was found to have committed or the victim's next of kin if the
27 crime was a homicide. If the juvenile is recaptured, the secretary
28 shall send notice to the persons designated in this subsection as soon
29 as possible but in no event later than two working days after the
30 department learns of such recapture.

31 (b) The secretary may authorize a leave, for a juvenile found to
32 have committed a violent offense, a sex offense, or stalking, which
33 shall not exceed forty-eight hours plus travel time, to meet an
34 emergency situation such as a death or critical illness of a member of
35 the juvenile's family. The secretary may authorize a leave, which
36 shall not exceed the time medically necessary, to obtain medical care
37 not available in a juvenile facility maintained by the department.
38 Prior to the commencement of an emergency or medical leave, the
39 secretary shall give notice of the leave to the appropriate law

1 enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the juvenile will be
2 during the leave period. The notice shall include the identity of the
3 juvenile, the time period of the leave, the residence of the juvenile
4 during the leave, and the identity of the person responsible for
5 supervising the juvenile during the leave. If previously requested,
6 the department shall also notify the witnesses and victim of the
7 offense which the juvenile was found to have committed or the victim's
8 next of kin if the offense was a homicide.

9 In case of an emergency or medical leave the secretary may waive
10 all or any portion of the requirements for leaves pursuant to RCW
11 13.40.205 (2)(a), (3), (4), and (5).

12 (3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
13 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
14 sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

15 (4) The secretary shall send the notices required by this chapter
16 to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party.
17 The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current
18 address.

19 (5) Upon discharge, parole, or other authorized leave or release,
20 a convicted juvenile sex offender shall not attend a public or approved
21 private elementary, middle, or high school that is attended by a victim
22 or a sibling of a victim of the sex offender. The parents or legal
23 guardians of the convicted juvenile sex offender shall be responsible
24 for transportation or other costs associated with or required by the
25 sex offender's change in school that otherwise would be paid by a
26 school district. Upon discharge, parole, or other authorized leave or
27 release of a convicted juvenile sex offender, the secretary shall send
28 written notice of the discharge, parole, or other authorized leave or
29 release and the requirements of this subsection to the common school
30 district board of directors of the district in which the sex offender
31 intends to reside or the district in which the sex offender last
32 attended school, whichever is appropriate. The secretary shall send a
33 similar notice to any approved private school the juvenile will attend,
34 if known, or if unknown, to the approved private schools within the
35 district the juvenile resides or intends to reside.

36 (6) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
37 following meanings:

38 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

39 (b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

1 (c) "Stalking" means the crime of stalking as defined in RCW
2 9A.46.110;

3 (d) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, parents, siblings, and
4 children.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.225.225 and 1995 c 52 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) All districts accepting applications from nonresident students
8 or from students receiving home-based instruction for admission to the
9 district's schools shall consider equally all applications received.
10 Each school district shall adopt a policy establishing rational, fair,
11 and equitable standards for acceptance and rejection of applications by
12 June 30, 1990. The policy may include rejection of a nonresident
13 student(~~s~~) if:

14 (a) Acceptance of (~~these~~) a nonresident student(~~s~~) would result
15 in the district experiencing a financial hardship;

16 (b) The student's disciplinary records indicate a history of
17 violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership; or

18 (c) The student has been expelled or suspended from a public school
19 for more than ten consecutive days. Any policy allowing for
20 readmission of expelled or suspended students under this subsection
21 (1)(c) must apply uniformly to both resident and nonresident
22 applicants.

23 For purposes of subsection (1)(b) of this section, "gang" means a
24 group which: (i) Consists of three or more persons; (ii) has
25 identifiable leadership; and (iii) on an ongoing basis, regularly
26 conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes.

27 (2) The district shall provide to applicants written notification
28 of the approval or denial of the application in a timely manner. If
29 the application is rejected, the notification shall include the reason
30 or reasons for denial and the right to appeal under RCW 28A.225.230(3).

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.600.010 and 1990 c 33 s 496 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by
34 law, shall:

35 (1) Enforce the rules (~~and regulations~~) prescribed by the
36 superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education
37 for the government of schools, pupils, and certificated employees.

1 (2) Adopt and make available to each pupil, teacher and parent in
2 the district reasonable written rules (~~and regulations~~) regarding
3 pupil conduct, discipline, and rights, including but not limited to
4 short-term suspensions as referred to in RCW 28A.305.160 and (~~long-~~
5 ~~term~~) suspensions in excess of ten consecutive days. Such rules (~~and~~
6 ~~regulations~~) shall not be inconsistent with any of the following:
7 Federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law (~~or~~),
8 the rules (~~and regulations~~) of the superintendent of public
9 instruction (~~or~~), and the state board of education (~~and~~). The
10 board's rules shall include such substantive and procedural due process
11 guarantees as prescribed by the state board of education under RCW
12 28A.305.160. Commencing with the 1976-77 school year, when such rules
13 (~~and regulations~~) are made available to each pupil, teacher, and
14 parent, they shall be accompanied by a detailed description of rights,
15 responsibilities, and authority of teachers and principals with respect
16 to the discipline of pupils as prescribed by state statutory law,
17 superintendent of public instruction, and state board of education
18 rules (~~and regulations~~) and rules and regulations of the school
19 district.

20 For the purposes of this subsection, computation of days included
21 in "short-term" and "long-term" suspensions shall be determined on the
22 basis of consecutive school days.

23 (3) Suspend, expel, or discipline pupils in accordance with RCW
24 28A.305.160.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.600.420 and 1995 c 335 s 304 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) Any elementary or secondary school student who is determined to
28 have carried a firearm onto, or to have possessed a firearm on, public
29 elementary or secondary school premises, public school-provided
30 transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by
31 public schools, shall be expelled from school for not less than one
32 year under RCW 28A.600.010. The superintendent of the school district,
33 educational service district, state school for the deaf, or state
34 school for the blind may modify the expulsion of a student on a case-
35 by-case basis.

36 (2) For purposes of this section, "firearm" means a firearm as
37 defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, and a "firearm" as defined in RCW
38 9.41.010.

1 (3) This section shall be construed in a manner consistent with the
2 individuals with disabilities education act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1401 et
3 seq.

4 (4) Nothing in this section prevents a public school district,
5 educational service district, the state school for the deaf, or the
6 state school for the blind if it has expelled a student from such
7 student's regular school setting from providing educational services to
8 the student in an alternative setting.

9 (5) This section does not apply to:

10 (a) Any student while engaged in military education authorized by
11 school authorities in which rifles are used but not other firearms; or

12 (b) Any student while involved in a convention, showing,
13 demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by school
14 authorities in which the rifles of collectors or instructors are
15 handled or displayed but not other firearms; or

16 (c) Any student while participating in a rifle competition
17 authorized by school authorities.

18 (6) A school district may suspend or expel a student for up to one
19 year subject to subsections (1), (3), (4), and (5) of this section, if
20 the student acts with malice as defined under RCW 9A.04.110 and
21 displays an instrument that appeared to be a firearm, on public
22 elementary or secondary school premises, public school-provided
23 transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by
24 public schools.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) The board of directors of school districts may contract with
28 alternative educational service providers for eligible students.
29 Alternative educational service providers that the school district may
30 contract with include, but are not limited to:

31 (a) Other schools;

32 (b) Alternative education programs not operated by the school
33 district;

34 (c) Education centers;

35 (d) Skills centers;

36 (e) Dropout prevention programs; or

37 (f) Other public or private organizations, excluding sectarian or
38 religious organizations.

1 (2) Eligible students include students who are likely to be
2 expelled or who are enrolled in the school district but have been
3 suspended, are academically at risk, or who have been subject to
4 repeated disciplinary actions due to behavioral problems.

5 (3) If a school district board of directors chooses to initiate
6 specialized programs for students at risk of expulsion or who are
7 failing academically by contracting out with alternative educational
8 service providers identified in subsection (1) of this section, the
9 school district board of directors and the organization must specify
10 the specific learning standards that students are expected to achieve.
11 Placement of the student shall be jointly determined by the school
12 district, the student's parent or legal guardian, and the alternative
13 educational service provider.

14 (4) For the purpose of this section, the superintendent of public
15 instruction shall adopt rules for reporting and documenting enrollment.
16 Students may reenter at the grade level appropriate to the student's
17 ability. Students who are sixteen years of age or older may take the
18 GED test.

19 (5) The board of directors of school districts may require that
20 students who would otherwise be suspended or expelled attend schools or
21 programs listed in subsection (1) of this section as a condition of
22 continued enrollment in the school district.

23 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28A.205.020 and 1993 c 211 s 2 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Only eligible common school dropouts shall be enrolled in a
26 certified education center for reimbursement by the superintendent of
27 public instruction as provided in RCW 28A.205.040. ~~((No))~~ A person
28 ~~((shall be considered))~~ is not an eligible common school dropout
29 ~~((who))~~ if: (1) The person has completed high school, (2) ~~((who))~~ the
30 person has not reached his or her ~~((thirteenth))~~ twelfth birthday or
31 has passed his or her twentieth birthday, ~~((or))~~ (3) the person shows
32 proficiency beyond the high school level in a test approved by the
33 superintendent of public instruction to be given as part of the initial
34 diagnostic procedure, or (4) ~~((until))~~ less than one month has passed
35 after ~~((he or she))~~ the person has dropped out of any common school and
36 the education center has not received written verification from a
37 school official of the common school last attended in this state that
38 ~~((such))~~ the person is no longer in attendance at ~~((such))~~ the

1 school(~~(, unless such center has been requested to admit such person by~~
2 ~~written communication of)~~). A person is an eligible common school
3 dropout even if one month has not passed since the person dropped out
4 if the board of directors or its designee, of that common school, ((or
5 ~~unless such)) requests the center to admit the person because the
6 person has dropped out or because the person is unable to attend a
7 particular common school because of disciplinary reasons, including
8 suspension and/or expulsion (~~therefrom~~). The fact that any person
9 may be subject to RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.150, 28A.200.010, and
10 28A.200.020 shall not affect his or her qualifications as an eligible
11 common school dropout under this chapter.~~

12 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.205.080 and 1993 c 211 s 7 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 The legislature recognizes that education centers provide a
15 necessary and effective service for students who have dropped out of
16 common school programs. Education centers have demonstrated success in
17 preparing such youth for productive roles in society and are an
18 integral part of the state's program to address the needs of students
19 who have dropped out of school. The superintendent of public
20 instruction shall distribute funds, consistent with legislative
21 appropriations, allocated specifically for education centers in accord
22 with chapter 28A.205 RCW. The legislature encourages school districts
23 to explore cooperation with education centers pursuant to section 6 of
24 this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If any provision of this act or its
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
27 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
28 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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