
HOUSE BILL 2542

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1 AN ACT Relating to alternative educational service providers; and
2 amending RCW 28A.150.305.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.305 and 1997 c 265 s 6 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The board of directors of school districts may contract with
7 alternative educational service providers for eligible students,
8 however the boards of directors may not charge alternative educational
9 service providers an administrative or service fee that exceeds fifteen
10 percent of the general apportionment dollars generated by the student
11 under contract. Alternative educational service providers that the
12 school district may contract with include, but are not limited to:

13 (a) Other schools;

14 (b) Alternative education programs not operated by the school
15 district;

16 (c) Education centers;

17 (d) Skills centers;

18 (e) Dropout prevention programs; or

1 (f) Other public or private organizations, excluding sectarian or
2 religious organizations.

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

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

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

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

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