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By Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen, Hochstatter, Stevens, Morton,  
Winsley, Swecker, Deccio and Patterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to vocational agriculture education; and amending  
2 RCW 28A.300.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.090 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 34 s 2 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) A vocational agriculture education service area within the  
7 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall be  
8 established. ~~((Adequate staffing of))~~ The office of the superintendent  
9 of public instruction shall assign a minimum of one full-time  
10 equivalent employee who is an individual~~((s))~~ trained or experienced in  
11 the field of vocational agriculture ~~((shall be provided))~~ and one full-  
12 time equivalent employee staff support member for the vocational  
13 agriculture education service area for coordination of the state  
14 program and to provide ~~((assistance to local school districts for the~~  
15 ~~coordination of the activities of student agricultural organizations~~  
16 ~~and associations))~~ leadership, supervision, and technical assistance to  
17 local agriculture education programs.

18 (2) The vocational agriculture education service area shall:

1 (a) Assess needs in vocational agriculture education, assist local  
2 school districts in establishing vocational agriculture programs,  
3 review local school district applications for approval of vocational  
4 agriculture programs, evaluate existing programs, plan research and  
5 studies for the improvement of curriculum materials for specialty areas  
6 of vocational agriculture. Standards and criteria developed under this  
7 subsection shall satisfy the mandates of federally-assisted vocational  
8 education;

9 (b) Develop in-service programs for teachers and administrators of  
10 vocational agriculture, review application for vocational agriculture  
11 teacher certification, and assist in teacher recruitment and placement  
12 in vocational agriculture programs;

13 (c) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America,  
14 representatives of business, industry, and appropriate public agencies,  
15 and institutions of higher education in order to disseminate  
16 information, promote improvement of vocational agriculture programs,  
17 and assist in the development of adult and continuing education  
18 programs in vocational agriculture; and

19 (d) Establish an advisory task force committee of agriculturists,  
20 who represent the diverse areas of the agricultural industry in  
21 Washington, which shall make annual recommendations including, but not  
22 limited to, the development of curriculum, staffing, strategies for the  
23 purpose of establishing a source of trained and qualified individuals  
24 in agriculture, and strategies for articulating the state program in  
25 vocational agriculture education, including youth leadership throughout  
26 the state school system.

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