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1 AN ACT Relating to permitting children of certificated and
2 classified school employees to enroll at the school where the employee
3 is assigned; and amending RCW 28A.225.225 and 28A.225.270.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.225.225 and 1999 c 198 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A district shall accept applications from nonresident students
8 who are the children of full-time certificated and classified school
9 employees residing in the state of Washington, and those children shall
10 be permitted to enroll:

11 (a) At the school to which the employee is assigned; or

12 (b) At a school forming the district's K through 12 continuum which
13 includes the school to which the employee is assigned.

14 (2) In the case of a school that uses a lottery for admission, the
15 children of full-time certificated and classified school employees
16 shall be considered as residents of the school district for purposes of

1 admission by lottery and shall be permitted to participate in the
2 lottery on the same basis as all residents of the school district.

3 (3) A district may reject applications under this section if:

4 (a) The student's disciplinary records indicate a history of
5 convictions for offenses or crimes, violent or disruptive behavior, or
6 gang membership; or

7 (b) The student has been expelled or suspended from a public school
8 for more than ten consecutive days. Any policy allowing for
9 readmission of expelled or suspended students under this subsection

10 (3)(b) must apply uniformly to both resident and nonresident
11 applicants.

12 (4) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section,
13 all districts accepting applications from nonresident students or from
14 students receiving home-based instruction for admission to the
15 district's schools shall consider equally all applications received.
16 Each school district shall adopt a policy establishing rational, fair,
17 and equitable standards for acceptance and rejection of applications by
18 June 30, 1990. The policy may include rejection of a nonresident
19 student if:

20 (a) Acceptance of a nonresident student would result in the
21 district experiencing a financial hardship;

22 (b) The student's disciplinary records indicate a history of
23 convictions for offenses or crimes, violent or disruptive behavior, or
24 gang membership; or

25 (c) The student has been expelled or suspended from a public school
26 for more than ten consecutive days. Any policy allowing for
27 readmission of expelled or suspended students under this subsection
28 ~~((+1+))~~ (4)(c) must apply uniformly to both resident and nonresident
29 applicants.

30 For purposes of subsections ~~((+1+))~~ (3)(a) and (4)(b) of this
31 section, "gang" means a group which: (i) Consists of three or more
32 persons; (ii) has identifiable leadership; and (iii) on an ongoing
33 basis, regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal
34 purposes.

35 ~~((+2+))~~ (5) The district shall provide to applicants written
36 notification of the approval or denial of the application in a timely
37 manner. If the application is rejected, the notification shall include

1 the reason or reasons for denial and the right to appeal under RCW
2 28A.225.230(3).

3 (6) For the purposes of this section, "full-time employees" means
4 employees who are employed for the full number of hours and days for
5 their job descriptions.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.225.270 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 s 205 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Each school district in the state shall adopt and implement a
9 policy allowing intradistrict enrollment options no later than June 30,
10 1990. Each district shall establish its own policy establishing
11 standards on how the intradistrict enrollment options will be
12 implemented.

13 (2) A district shall permit the children of full-time certificated
14 and classified school employees to enroll at:

15 (a) The school to which the employee is assigned; or

16 (b) A school forming the district's K through 12 continuum which
17 includes the school to which the employee is assigned.

18 (3) In the case of a school that uses a lottery for admission, the
19 children of full-time certificated and classified school employees
20 shall be considered as residents of the school zone for purposes of
21 admission by lottery and shall be permitted to participate in the
22 lottery on the same basis as all residents of the school zone.

23 (4) For the purposes of this section, "full-time employees" means
24 employees who reside in the state of Washington and are employed for
25 the full number of hours and days for their job description.

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