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By Representatives Quall, Cox, Hunter and Anderson; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to the office of the superintendent of public
2 instruction; amending RCW 28A.300.040; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.040 and 1999 c 348 s 6 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the
8 powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction shall be:

9 (1) To have supervision over all matters pertaining to the public
10 schools of the state;

11 (2) To report to the governor and the legislature such information
12 and data as may be required for the management and improvement of the
13 schools;

14 (3) To prepare and have printed such forms, registers, courses of
15 study, rules for the government of the common schools, and such other
16 material and books as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties
17 of teachers and officials charged with the administration of the laws
18 relating to the common schools, and to distribute the same to
19 educational service district superintendents;

1 (4) To travel, without neglecting his or her other official duties
2 as superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose of attending
3 educational meetings or conventions, of visiting schools, of consulting
4 educational service district superintendents or other school officials;

5 (5) To prepare and from time to time to revise a manual of the
6 Washington state common school code, copies of which shall be provided
7 in such numbers as determined by the superintendent of public
8 instruction at no cost to those public agencies within the common
9 school system and which shall be sold at approximate actual cost of
10 publication and distribution per volume to all other public and
11 nonpublic agencies or individuals, said manual to contain Titles 28A
12 and 28C RCW, rules related to the common schools, and such other matter
13 as the state superintendent or the state board of education shall
14 determine. Proceeds of the sale of such code shall be transmitted to
15 the public printer who shall credit the state superintendent's account
16 within the state printing plant revolving fund by a like amount;

17 (6) To act as ex officio member and the chief executive officer of
18 the state board of education;

19 (7) To file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to
20 the superintendent by the school officials of the several counties or
21 districts of the state, each year separately. Copies of all papers
22 filed in the superintendent's office, and the superintendent's official
23 acts, may, or upon request, shall be certified by the superintendent
24 and attested by the superintendent's official seal, and when so
25 certified shall be evidence of the papers or acts so certified to;

26 (8) To require annually, on or before the 15th day of August, of
27 the president, manager, or principal of every educational institution
28 in this state, a report as required by the superintendent of public
29 instruction; and it is the duty of every president, manager or
30 principal, to complete and return such forms within such time as the
31 superintendent of public instruction shall direct;

32 (9) To keep in the superintendent's office a record of all teachers
33 receiving certificates to teach in the common schools of this state;

34 (10) To issue certificates as provided by law;

35 (11) To keep in the superintendent's office at the capital of the
36 state, all books and papers pertaining to the business of the
37 superintendent's office, and to keep and preserve in the

1 superintendent's office a complete record of statistics, as well as a
2 record of the meetings of the state board of education;

3 (12) With the assistance of the office of the attorney general, to
4 decide all points of law which may be submitted to the superintendent
5 in writing by any educational service district superintendent, or that
6 may be submitted to the superintendent by any other person, upon appeal
7 from the decision of any educational service district superintendent;
8 and the superintendent shall publish his or her rulings and decisions
9 from time to time for the information of school officials and teachers;
10 and the superintendent's decision shall be final unless set aside by a
11 court of competent jurisdiction;

12 (13) To administer oaths and affirmations in the discharge of the
13 superintendent's official duties;

14 (14) To deliver to his or her successor, at the expiration of the
15 superintendent's term of office, all records, books, maps, documents
16 and papers of whatever kind belonging to the superintendent's office or
17 which may have been received by the superintendent's for the use of the
18 superintendent's office;

19 (15) To administer family services and programs to promote the
20 state's policy as provided in RCW 74.14A.025;

21 (16) To solicit and receive such gifts, grants, conveyances,
22 devises, and bequests of real or personal property from private
23 sources, and spend gifts, grants, conveyances, devises, and bequests
24 according to their terms, as may be made from time to time, whenever
25 the terms and conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the various
26 programs required or authorized to be carried out by the superintendent
27 of public instruction;

28 (17) To establish master contracts with vendors of goods and
29 services; and

30 (18) To perform such other duties as may be required by law.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 As used in this chapter, "master contract" means a competitively
34 bid contract that permits multiple purchases of goods and services by
35 the superintendent, school districts, educational service districts,
36 and other public educational entities without the need to reauthorize

1 the contract. Master contracts entered into by the superintendent of
2 public instruction shall be in compliance with the applicable
3 competitive bidding requirements in chapter 43.19 RCW.

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