SENATE BILL 5931

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By Senators Rasmussen, Prentice, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Shin and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to early intervention services for children with 2 disabilities; and amending RCW 28A.155.070.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 28A.155.070 and 1995 c 77 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:

Special educational and training programs provided by the state and the school districts thereof for children with disabilities ((may)) shall be extended to include children ((of preschool)) birth to three years of age. School districts shall provide early intervention services to all children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. School districts shall provide these early intervention services in partnership with county birth-to-three lead agencies and birth-to-three providers. School districts which extend such special programs to children of preschool age shall be entitled to the regular apportionments from state and county school funds, as provided by law, and in addition to allocations from state excess cost funds made available for such special services for those children with disabilities who are given such special services. The payor of last

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- 1 resort for early intervention services provided under this section
- 2 shall be the designated birth-to-three lead agency.

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