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By Senators Rockefeller, Benton, Fairley, Oke, Keiser, Zarelli, Shin, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to K-12 skill centers; amending RCW 28C.22.010;
2 creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that skill centers
5 provide students with high quality educational opportunities through
6 programs that combine academics with career and technical education.
7 The legislature also finds that skill centers provide extremely
8 valuable support to local businesses seeking skilled entry-level
9 employees and to communities attempting to enhance local economic
10 development opportunities. Through skill center programs, students
11 learn the technical knowledge and skills necessary either to pursue
12 additional education through apprenticeships, technical schools, or
13 institutions of higher education, or go directly into entry-level
14 employment and begin careers. The legislature finds that skill centers
15 permit a number of school districts to cooperatively offer programs
16 that the school districts cannot provide individually. The legislature
17 further finds that the funding formula used for skill center students
18 needs to be revised to ensure that a student who is taking classes at
19 a skill center and high school simultaneously generates full funding

1 for the instruction that each provides to the student. The legislature
2 intends to enhance the opportunities that students have to enroll in
3 skill centers by revising the funding formula for skill center
4 students.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28C.22.010 and 1993 c 380 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Skill centers, to the extent funds are available, are
8 encouraged to operate afternoon and evening programs.

9 (2) The funding formula for a skill center student shall be
10 determined based upon the student's aggregate enrolled hours of
11 instruction, not to exceed 1.2 full-time equivalent.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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