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HOUSE BILL 2598

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By Representative Kagi; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction Read first time 01/22/14. Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

- AN ACT Relating to clarifying the lead agency for the early support
- 2 for infant and toddlers program; and amending RCW 28A.155.065.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.155.065 and 2007 c 115 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) By September 1, 2009, each school district shall provide or contract for early intervention services to all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with disabilities education ((improvement)) act or other applicable federal and state laws, and as specified in the Washington Administrative Code adopted by the state lead agency, which is the department of early learning. School districts shall provide or contract, or both, for early intervention services in partnership with local birth-to-three lead agencies and birth-to-three providers. Services provided under this section shall not supplant services or funding currently provided in the state for early intervention services to eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. The state-designated

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birth-to-three lead agency shall be payor of last resort for birth-tothree early intervention services provided under this section.

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(2) The services in this section are not part of the state's program of basic education pursuant to Article IX of the state Constitution.

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