2SHB 1682 - H AMD **207**
    By Representative Fey

ADOPTED 03/06/2015

1   On page 3, after line 4, insert the following:

2   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter

3 28A.300 RCW to read as follows: (1) The office of the

4 superintendent of public instruction shall create a competitive

5 grant process to evaluate and award state-funded grants to school

6 districts to pilot increased identification of homeless students and

7 the capacity of the districts to provide support, which may include

8 education liaisons, for homeless students. The process must

9 complement any similar federal grant program or programs in order to

10 minimize agency overhead and administrative costs for the

11 superintendent of public instruction and school districts. School

12 districts may access both federal and state funding to identify and

13 support homeless students.

14   (2) Award criteria for the state grants shall be based on the

15 demonstrated need of the school district and may consider the number

16 or overall percentage, or both, of homeless children and youths

17 enrolled in preschool, elementary, and secondary schools in the

18 school district, and the ability of the local school district to

19 meet these needs. Award criteria shall also be based on the quality

20 of the applications submitted.

21   (3) Homeless students are defined as students without a fixed,

22 regular, and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the

23 federal McKinney-Vento homeless education assistance act (P.L. 100-

24 77; 101 Stat. 482).

25   (4) School districts may not use funds allocated under this

26 section to supplant existing federal, state, or local resources for

27 homeless student supports, which may include education liaisons.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
2 RCW to read as follows:
3   (1) The department, in consultation with the office of the
4 superintendent of public instruction, shall administer a grant
5 program that links homeless students and their families, or
6 unaccompanied homeless students, with stable housing located in the
7 homeless student's school district. The goal of the program is to
8 provide educational stability for homeless students by promoting
9 housing stability.
10   (2) The department, working with the office of the
11 superintendent of public instruction, shall develop a competitive
12 grant process to make grant awards to school districts partnered
13 with eligible organizations on implementation of the proposal. For
14 the purposes of this subsection, "eligible organization" means any
15 local government, local housing authority, regional support network
16 established under chapter 71.24 RCW, nonprofit community or
17 neighborhood-based organization, federally recognized Indian tribe
18 in the state of Washington, or regional or statewide nonprofit
19 housing assistance organization. Applications for the grant program
20 must include contractual agreements between the housing providers
21 and school districts defining the responsibilities and commitments
22 of each party to identify, house, and support homeless students. In
23 determining which school districts will receive grants, preference
24 must be given to districts with a demonstrated commitment of
25 partnership and history with eligible organizations.
26   (3) Activities eligible for assistance under this grant program
27 include but are not limited to:
28   (a) Rental assistance, which includes utilities, security and
29 utility deposits, first and last month's rent, rental application
30 fees, moving expenses, and other eligible expenses to be determined
31 by the department;
32   (b) Transportation assistance, including gasoline assistance for
33 families with vehicles and bus passes;
34   (c) Emergency shelter; and

1   (d) Housing stability case management.

2   (4) All beneficiaries of funds from the grant program must be
3 from very low-income households. For the purposes of this
4 subsection, "very low-income household" means a family or unrelated
5 persons living together whose adjusted income is less than fifty
6 percent of the median family income, adjusted for household size,
7 for the county where the grant recipient is located.

8   (5)(a) Grantee school districts, in partnership with eligible
9 organizations, must compile information and report to the department
10 and the office of the superintendent of public instruction the
11 findings of the grantee, the housing stability of the homeless
12 families, and the academic performance of the grantee population.

13   (b) Data on all program participants must be entered into and
14 tracked through the Washington homeless client management
15 information system as described in RCW 43.185C.180.

16   (6) Any program review and monitoring under this section may be
17 conducted concurrently with other program reviews and monitoring
18 conducted by the department.

19

20   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.**   If specific funding for the purposes of
21 sections 2 and 3 of this act, referencing sections 2 and 3 of this act
22 by bill or chapter number and section number, is not provided by June
23 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, sections 2 and 3 of this
24 act are null and void."

25

26   Correct the title.

27

28

    EFFECT: Retains all of the underlying second substitute and
adds the following:
(1) A competitive grant process to evaluate and award state-funded
grants to school districts to pilot increased identification of
homeless students and the capacity of the districts to provide
support.
(2) A grant program that links homeless students and their
families, or unaccompanied homeless students with stable housing

located in the homeless student's school district.
(3) A null and void clause, providing that the two grant programs are null and void if not funded in the omnibus appropriations act.

--- **END** ---