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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing regional apprenticeship programs
2 through educational service districts; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.310 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that apprenticeship
6 programs provide important graduation pathways and future career
7 opportunities to students. These programs also benefit employers,
8 providing an opportunity to train students for jobs in industries
9 important to local communities.

10 Regional apprenticeship programs are an approach to better match
11 the state's education offerings with the needs of local employers and
12 employees. To support this effort, the legislature intends to provide
13 educational service districts with the resources necessary to
14 establish regional apprenticeship programs, including staff to
15 oversee the programs and other nonstaff funding needed to establish
16 the programs and necessary agreements with local stakeholders,
17 including unions, other apprenticeship programs, and school
18 districts.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 ESD REGIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS. (1) Each educational
2 service district must establish regional apprenticeship programs in
3 at least two industries or professions as provided in this section.
4 To implement the program, the educational service district must:

5 (a) Coordinate with local stakeholders to identify industries or
6 professions best suited for apprenticeship opportunities and develop
7 curricula. These stakeholders may include community colleges, local
8 labor unions, local apprenticeship programs, and local industry
9 groups. In creating the program, the educational service district may
10 establish inter-local agreements with the stakeholder entities,
11 subject to RCW 28A.310.200; and

12 (b) Coordinate with local school districts, charter schools, and
13 state-tribal compact schools to make apprenticeship programs
14 available to high school students. Educational service districts may
15 enter into inter-district agreements to address enrollment reporting,
16 pupil transportation, or other terms necessary to enroll students in
17 the program.

18 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
19 allocate funding for two full-time equivalent certificated
20 instructional staff per educational service district to oversee the
21 programs, and other funding provided in the omnibus appropriations
22 act to establish the programs.

23 (3) Enrollments in programs established under this section shall
24 be funded up to 1.2 full-time equivalents. The office of the
25 superintendent of public instruction shall develop procedures to
26 ensure that school districts do not report any student for more than
27 1.2 full-time equivalent students, combining both the student's high
28 school enrollment and regional apprenticeship enrollment for programs
29 established under this section. Programs established under this
30 section must seek approval under RCW 28C.30.040, if not already
31 approved.

32 (4) In implementing this section, educational service districts
33 shall collaborate with the office of the superintendent of public
34 instruction and the career connected learning cross-agency work group
35 established under RCW 28C.30.030.

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