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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting the exploration and implementation
2 of later starting times for public schools; and adding new sections
3 to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction shall provide information and technical assistance to
10 school districts that are exploring or implementing school starting
11 times that, in comparison to schedules of the school district in
12 preceding years, begin later in the day.

13 (2) Examples of the information and technical assistance that may
14 be provided under this section include:

15 (a) Summaries of studies or other materials analyzing potential
16 student health benefits associated with later school starting times;
17 and

18 (b) Summaries of processes, practices, and considerations used by
19 school districts that have implemented later school starting times,
20 including strategies for addressing concerns related to parent and

1 guardian engagement, and potential impacts to transportation and
2 extracurricular activity schedules.

3 (3) For the purposes of this section, "school districts" include
4 charter schools established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-
5 tribal education compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
9 specific purpose, the later school starting times grant program is
10 established. The office of the superintendent of public instruction
11 shall administer the grant program in accordance with this section.

12 (2) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, the office of the
13 superintendent of public instruction shall award grants to eligible
14 school districts for either the exploration or implementation of
15 later school starting times. School districts receiving grant funds
16 under this section for the exploration of later school starting times
17 are eligible to receive grant funds for implementing later school
18 starting times in subsequent award cycles.

19 (3) Beginning in 2028, the office of the superintendent of public
20 instruction, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, shall submit an annual
21 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature with a
22 description and evaluation of the program actions required by this
23 section. The report may include other information deemed pertinent by
24 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, including a
25 summary of actions taken in other states related to later school
26 starting times and recommendations for statutory changes to support
27 school districts that are exploring or implementing later school
28 starting times.

29 (4) For the purposes of this section, "school districts" include
30 charter schools established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-
31 tribal education compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW.

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