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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Callan, McEntire, Doglio, Goodman, Eslick, and Leavitt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the effective delivery and administration of
2 basic education services to justice-involved students; amending RCW
3 28A.300.040, 28A.300.850, and 28A.190.150; and providing an
4 expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.040 and 2023 c 303 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law,
9 the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction
10 shall be:

11 (1) To have supervision over all matters pertaining to the public
12 schools of the state;

13 (2) To report to the governor and the legislature such
14 information and data as may be required for the management and
15 improvement of the schools;

16 (3) To prepare and have printed such forms, registers, courses of
17 study, rules for the government of the common schools, and such other
18 material and books as may be necessary for the discharge of the
19 duties of teachers and officials charged with the administration of
20 the laws relating to the common schools, and to distribute the same
21 to educational service district superintendents;

1 (4) To travel, without neglecting his or her other official
2 duties as superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose of
3 attending educational meetings or conventions, of visiting schools,
4 and of consulting educational service district superintendents or
5 other school officials;

6 (5) To prepare and from time to time to revise a manual of the
7 Washington state common school code, copies of which shall be made
8 available online and which shall be sold at approximate actual cost
9 of publication and distribution per volume to public and nonpublic
10 agencies or individuals, said manual to contain Titles 28A and 28C
11 RCW, rules related to the common schools, and such other matter as
12 the state superintendent or the state board of education shall
13 determine;

14 (6) To file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted
15 to the superintendent by the school officials of the several counties
16 or districts of the state, each year separately. Copies of all papers
17 filed in the superintendent's office, and the superintendent's
18 official acts, may, or upon request, shall be certified by the
19 superintendent and attested by the superintendent's official seal,
20 and when so certified shall be evidence of the papers or acts so
21 certified to;

22 (7) To require annually, on or before the 15th day of August, of
23 the president, manager, or principal of every educational institution
24 in this state, a report as required by the superintendent of public
25 instruction; and it is the duty of every president, manager, or
26 principal, to complete and return such forms within such time as the
27 superintendent of public instruction shall direct;

28 (8) To keep in the superintendent's office a record of all
29 teachers receiving certificates to teach in the common schools of
30 this state;

31 (9) To issue certificates as provided by law;

32 (10) To keep in the superintendent's office at the capital of the
33 state, all books and papers pertaining to the business of the
34 superintendent's office, and to keep and preserve in the
35 superintendent's office a complete record of statistics, as well as a
36 record of the meetings of the state board of education;

37 (11) With the assistance of the office of the attorney general,
38 to decide all points of law which may be submitted to the
39 superintendent in writing by any educational service district
40 superintendent, or that may be submitted to the superintendent by any

1 other person, upon appeal from the decision of any educational
2 service district superintendent; and the superintendent shall publish
3 his or her rulings and decisions from time to time for the
4 information of school officials and teachers; and the
5 superintendent's decision shall be final unless set aside by a court
6 of competent jurisdiction;

7 (12) To administer oaths and affirmations in the discharge of the
8 superintendent's official duties;

9 (13) To deliver to his or her successor, at the expiration of the
10 superintendent's term of office, all records, books, maps, documents
11 and papers of whatever kind belonging to the superintendent's office
12 or which may have been received by the superintendent's for the use
13 of the superintendent's office;

14 (14) To administer family services and programs to promote the
15 state's policy as provided in RCW 74.14A.025;

16 (15) To promote the adoption of school-based curricula and
17 policies that provide quality, daily physical education for all
18 students, and to encourage policies that provide all students with
19 opportunities for physical activity outside of formal physical
20 education classes;

21 (16) To ~~((perform all duties required by chapter 303, Laws of~~
22 ~~2023 for the))~~ ensure the effective delivery and ~~((oversight))~~
23 administration of basic education services to justice-involved
24 students ~~((under the age of 21 who are served through institutional~~
25 ~~education programs in facilities that are not under the jurisdiction~~
26 ~~of the department of social and health services or the department of~~
27 ~~corrections))~~ and to improve their educational outcomes, both as
28 required by RCW 28A.190.150; and

29 (17) To perform such other duties as may be required by law.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.850 and 2023 c 303 s 4 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction
33 shall develop a timeline and plan for assuming, by September 1,
34 ~~((2027))~~ 2028, responsibility for the effective delivery and
35 administration of basic education services to justice-involved
36 students ~~((who are under the age of 21 and served through~~
37 ~~institutional education programs in facilities that are not under the~~
38 ~~jurisdiction of the department of social and health services or the~~
39 ~~department of corrections))~~ and improving their educational outcomes.

1 (b) The timeline and plan ((shall)) required by this section must
2 consider:

3 (i) The findings and recommendations produced in accordance with
4 section 2, chapter 303, Laws of 2023; ((recommendations))

5 (ii) Recommendations provided in the December 1, 2022, improving
6 institutional education outcomes final report of the office of the
7 superintendent of public instruction and the department of children,
8 youth, and families; ((staffing transitions for educators and staff
9 that, as of July 23, 2023,))

10 (iii) Educators and staff that deliver education programming and
11 services to the justice-involved students; and ((legislation))

12 (iv) Legislation enacted in 2024 and in subsequent years relating
13 to the superintendent's requirements under RCW 28A.190.150.

14 (2) Beginning December 15, 2023, and annually thereafter through
15 ((2026)) 2027, the office of the superintendent of public instruction
16 shall, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, provide an interim report on
17 progress made in achieving the requirements of this section to the
18 governor and the education and fiscal committees of the legislature.

19 (3) In meeting the requirements of this section, the office of
20 the superintendent of public instruction shall ((consult));

21 (a) Consult with organizations representing ((educators and staff
22 that deliver)) those who deliver, support, and receive education
23 programming and services to justice-involved students ((who are under
24 the age of 21 and served through institutional education programs in
25 facilities that are not under the jurisdiction of the department of
26 social and health services or the department of corrections));

27 (b) Implement the research and analysis recommendations for the
28 two service delivery and governance options identified in the final
29 report required by section 2, chapter 303, Laws of 2023;

30 (c) Examine an additional service delivery and governance option
31 that preserves the role of school districts in providing basic
32 education services to justice-involved students, but includes
33 additional state direction in furtherance of the recommendations
34 referenced in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section and those
35 provided in accordance with section 2, chapter 226, Laws of 2020;

36 (d) Describe how the office of the superintendent of public
37 instruction will ensure the effective delivery and administration of
38 basic education services to justice-involved students as required by
39 RCW 28A.190.150; and

1 (e) Make recommendations for statutory or other changes needed to
2 ensure proper oversight of the delivery and administration of basic
3 education services to justice-involved students. Recommendations made
4 in accordance with this subsection (e) must address comments and
5 recommendations related to education delivery outcome and progress
6 measurements provided by educators in accordance with this section.

7 (4) For the purposes of this section, "justice-involved students"
8 has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.190.150.

9 ~~((4))~~ (5) This section expires June 30, ((2027)) 2028.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.190.150 and 2023 c 303 s 5 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Beginning September 1, ((2027)) 2028, the superintendent of
13 public instruction is responsible for ((the)) ensuring the effective
14 delivery and ((oversight)) administration of basic education services
15 to justice-involved students ((are who [who are])) and improving the
16 educational outcomes of those students.

17 (2) For the purposes of this section, "justice-involved students"
18 means students who are under the age of 21, or as otherwise required
19 by law, and served through institutional education programs in
20 accordance with RCW 28A.150.200 in facilities that are not under the
21 jurisdiction of the department of social and health services or the
22 department of corrections.

23 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
24 adopt, and periodically revise as necessary, rules to implement this
25 section.

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