
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5992

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Krishnadasan, Chapman, Hasegawa, Lias, Nobles, Riccelli, Trudeau, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the youth development fund account to
2 increase access to positive youth development programs; reenacting
3 and amending RCW 43.79A.040 and 43.79A.040; adding new sections to
4 chapter 28A.215 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective
5 date; and providing an expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature acknowledges that
8 positive youth development programs provide important wraparound
9 services that complement and fill gaps in the state's public school
10 system. These programs provide a safe place for young people to go
11 outside of school, especially for families with parents or guardians
12 working full time.

13 (2) The legislature finds that positive youth development
14 programs help increase school attendance and prevent system
15 involvement, such as interaction with the juvenile justice system.
16 Additionally, these programs provide alternatives for young people
17 spending time on screens and in isolation, and they can help with
18 career navigation and workforce readiness.

19 (3) The legislature recognizes the importance of and intends to
20 have tribes operate their own youth development and prevention

1 efforts, including using culturally grounded and community-wide
2 approaches.

3 (4) The legislature intends to incentivize philanthropic
4 investment in youth development programs through public-private
5 partnerships by creating an account to centralize future investments
6 and increase fiscal transparency and visibility. This youth
7 development fund account will work towards making sure all young
8 people have access to these positive programs regardless of socio-
9 economic status and where they live in the state.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.215
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) (a) The superintendent of public instruction or the
13 superintendent's designee may distribute grants from the youth
14 development fund account created in section 3 of this act to
15 nonprofit entities, entities sponsored by a nonprofit organization,
16 federally recognized Indian tribes, including federally recognized
17 Indian tribes whose traditional lands and territories included parts
18 of Washington, but that now reside in Oregon, Idaho, and British
19 Columbia, and city or county parks and recreation entities to support
20 youth development programs. School districts and educational service
21 districts may be eligible to apply for grants only when they are
22 partnering with community-based organizations or when no such
23 nonprofit programs exist in their location.

24 (b) Youth development programs may include, but are not limited
25 to, programs that provide:

- 26 (i) Learning acceleration;
- 27 (ii) Social-emotional learning;
- 28 (iii) Mentorship;
- 29 (iv) Connection to relevant resources outside of schools;
- 30 (v) Support related to postsecondary access and career pathways;
- 31 (vi) Arts, STEM, as defined in RCW 28A.188.010, and sports-based
32 programming;
- 33 (vii) Outdoor education;
- 34 (viii) Youth civic engagement; or
- 35 (ix) Cultural programming.

36 (c) When authorizing these expenditures, the superintendent of
37 public instruction must prioritize:

- 38 (i) Geographic distribution of grant funding in an equitable
39 manner throughout all nine educational service district regions of

1 the state giving priority to geographies where young people have the
2 least access to youth development opportunities based on available
3 data; and

4 (ii) Supporting youth from groups that have historically not met
5 academic standards, are more at risk of dropout, and have lower than
6 average graduation rates; youth in foster care; youth experiencing
7 homelessness; youth living in poverty; and American Indian and Alaska
8 Native students.

9 (2) In accordance with the requirements in subsection (3) of this
10 section, any entity receiving grants must annually report the impacts
11 of this funding to the office of the superintendent of public
12 instruction.

13 (3) The office of Native education within the office of the
14 superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.300.105 must
15 engage in consultations with federally recognized tribes when the
16 office of the superintendent of public instruction designs and
17 administers grants that affect tribal applicants or recipients,
18 including any reporting requirements which must respect tribal data
19 sovereignty and community-defined measures of success.

20 (4) For purposes of this section, "youth development program"
21 means a program that serves youth between the ages of five to 24 and
22 focuses on holistic outcomes by complementing school-day academics. A
23 "youth development program" may include mentoring, expanded learning
24 opportunities, after school or summer programs, school-aged child
25 care, or other child supports that address the comprehensive needs of
26 young people.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.215
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 (1) The youth development fund account is created in the custody
30 of the state treasurer. All receipts from gifts, grants, or
31 endowments from public or private sources, federal funds, any
32 appropriations made by the legislature, or other sources for the
33 purpose specified in section 2 of this act must be deposited in the
34 account.

35 (2) Only the superintendent of public instruction or the
36 superintendent's designee may authorize expenditures from the
37 account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for youth
38 development programs in accordance with section 2 of this act.

1 (3) The account is subject to the allotment procedures under
2 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
3 expenditures.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2025 c 399 s 13 and 2025 c 190 s 3
5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,
7 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with
8 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
9 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys
10 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

11 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
12 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
13 known as the investment income account.

14 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
15 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
16 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
17 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
18 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
19 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
20 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of
21 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

22 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings
23 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
24 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

25 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
26 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
27 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the
28 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial
29 legislative page scholarship account, the Rosa Franklin legislative
30 internship program scholarship account, the Washington advanced
31 college tuition payment program account, the Washington college
32 savings program account, the accessible communities account, the
33 Washington achieving a better life experience program account, the
34 youth development fund account, the Washington career and college
35 pathways innovation challenge program account, the community and
36 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,
37 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the behavioral health
38 loan repayment and scholarship program account, the Billy Frank Jr.
39 national statuary hall collection fund, the foster care scholarship

1 endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the
2 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
3 fund drive account, the county 911 excise tax account, the county
4 road administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection
5 account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the
6 energy account, the energy facility site evaluation council account,
7 the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance account, the
8 Fern Lodge maintenance account, the fish and wildlife federal lands
9 revolving account, the natural resources federal lands revolving
10 account, the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship
11 account, the forest health revolving account, the fruit and vegetable
12 inspection account, the educator conditional scholarship account, the
13 game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science
14 scholarship account, the Washington global health technologies and
15 product development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
16 Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day
17 fund, the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense
18 fund, the local tourism promotion account, the low-income home
19 rehabilitation account, the medication for people living with HIV
20 rebate revenue account, the homeowner recovery account, the
21 multiagency permitting team account, the northeast Washington wolf-
22 livestock management account, the pollution liability insurance
23 program trust account, the public use general aviation airport loan
24 revolving account, the regional transportation investment district
25 account, the rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual
26 assault kit account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the
27 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund,
28 the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission
29 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the
30 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the
31 individual development account program account, the Washington horse
32 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery
33 fund, the Washington state library-archives building account, the
34 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for deaf
35 and hard of hearing youth account, the school for the blind account,
36 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the
37 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, the public
38 employees' and retirees' insurance account, the school employees'
39 insurance account, the long-term services and supports trust account,
40 the radiation perpetual maintenance fund, the Indian health

1 improvement reinvestment account, the department of licensing tuition
2 recovery trust fund, the student achievement council tuition recovery
3 trust fund, the tuition recovery trust fund, the industrial insurance
4 premium refund account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the
5 natural resources deposit fund, the Washington state health insurance
6 pool account, the federal forest revolving account, the Washington
7 saves administrative trust account, and the library operations
8 account.

9 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive 80 percent of
10 their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
11 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advance right-of-way
12 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
13 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
14 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
15 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

16 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
17 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the
18 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
19 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the
20 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
21 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
22 for the period.

23 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
24 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
25 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act expires July 1,
8 2030.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this act takes effect July 1,
10 2030.

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