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

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

19 The legislature intends to incentivize philanthropic investment
20 in youth development programs through public-private partnerships by
21 creating an account to centralize future investments and increase

1 fiscal transparency and visibility. This youth development fund
2 account will work towards making sure all young people have access to
3 these positive programs regardless of socio-economic status and where
4 they live in the state.

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

7 (1) (a) The superintendent of public instruction or the
8 superintendent's designee may distribute grants from the youth
9 development fund account created in section 3 of this act to
10 nonprofit entities, entities sponsored by a nonprofit organization,
11 tribes within Washington state, and city or county parks and
12 recreation entities to support youth development programs. School
13 districts and educational service districts may be eligible to apply
14 for grants only when they are partnering with community-based
15 organizations or when no such nonprofit programs exist in their
16 location.

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

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

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

31 (i) Geographic distribution of grant funding in an equitable
32 manner throughout all nine educational service district regions of
33 the state giving priority to geographies where young people have the
34 least access to youth development opportunities based on available
35 data; and

36 (ii) Supporting youth from groups that have historically not met
37 academic standards, are more at risk of dropout, and have lower than
38 average graduation rates; youth in foster care; youth experiencing
39 homelessness; and youth living in poverty.

1 (2) Any entity receiving grants must annually report the impacts
2 of this funding to the office of the superintendent of public
3 instruction.

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

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

13 (1) The youth development fund account is created in the custody
14 of the state treasurer. All receipts from gifts, grants, or
15 endowments from public or private sources, federal funds, any
16 appropriations made by the legislature, or other sources for the
17 purpose specified in section 2 of this act must be deposited in the
18 account.

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

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

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

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

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

36 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
37 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
38 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and

1 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
2 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
3 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
4 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of
5 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

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

9 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
10 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
11 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the
12 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial
13 legislative page scholarship account, the Rosa Franklin legislative
14 internship program scholarship account, the Washington advanced
15 college tuition payment program account, the Washington college
16 savings program account, the accessible communities account, the
17 Washington achieving a better life experience program account, the
18 youth development fund account, the Washington career and college
19 pathways innovation challenge program account, the community and
20 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,
21 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the behavioral health
22 loan repayment and scholarship program account, the Billy Frank Jr.
23 national statuary hall collection fund, the foster care scholarship
24 endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the
25 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
26 fund drive account, the county 911 excise tax account, the county
27 road administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection
28 account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the
29 energy account, the energy facility site evaluation council account,
30 the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance account, the
31 Fern Lodge maintenance account, the fish and wildlife federal lands
32 revolving account, the natural resources federal lands revolving
33 account, the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship
34 account, the forest health revolving account, the fruit and vegetable
35 inspection account, the educator conditional scholarship account, the
36 game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science
37 scholarship account, the Washington global health technologies and
38 product development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
39 Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day
40 fund, the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense

1 fund, the local tourism promotion account, the low-income home
2 rehabilitation account, the medication for people living with HIV
3 rebate revenue account, the homeowner recovery account, the
4 multiagency permitting team account, the northeast Washington wolf-
5 livestock management account, the pollution liability insurance
6 program trust account, the public use general aviation airport loan
7 revolving account, the regional transportation investment district
8 account, the rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual
9 assault kit account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the
10 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund,
11 the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission
12 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the
13 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the
14 individual development account program account, the Washington horse
15 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery
16 fund, the Washington state library-archives building account, the
17 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for deaf
18 and hard of hearing youth account, the school for the blind account,
19 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the
20 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, the public
21 employees' and retirees' insurance account, the school employees'
22 insurance account, the long-term services and supports trust account,
23 the radiation perpetual maintenance fund, the Indian health
24 improvement reinvestment account, the department of licensing tuition
25 recovery trust fund, the student achievement council tuition recovery
26 trust fund, the tuition recovery trust fund, the industrial insurance
27 premium refund account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the
28 natural resources deposit fund, the Washington state health insurance
29 pool account, the federal forest revolving account, the Washington
30 saves administrative trust account, and the library operations
31 account.

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

39 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
40 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the

1 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
2 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the
3 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
4 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
5 for the period.

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

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30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act expires July 1,
31 2030.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this act takes effect July 1,
33 2030.

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