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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hunt, Krishnadasan, Conway, Hasegawa, Lias, Nobles, Saldaña, Shewmake, Valdez, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting public school students by improving
2 their access to surplus technology hardware; reenacting and amending
3 RCW 28A.335.180; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature acknowledges that
6 there are certain processes in state law when computer laptops,
7 tablets, and other electronic devices or equipment are deemed
8 surplus, and these processes can be improved to better support
9 students and families.

10 (2) The legislature intends to allow school districts and other
11 public education agencies the option to prioritize selling these
12 electronic devices or equipment at depreciated cost to public school
13 students or grant these electronic devices or equipment at no cost to
14 public school students from low-income families.

15 (3) The legislature believes these new processes will reduce
16 barriers for students and families to access these types of devices,
17 which will help improve education outcomes, access to information,
18 and career and workforce development.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.335.180 and 1997 c 264 s 1 and 1997 c 104 s 1
20 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, school districts,
2 educational service districts, or any other state or local
3 governmental agency concerned with education, when declaring texts
4 and other books, equipment, materials or relocatable facilities as
5 surplus, shall, prior to other disposal thereof, serve notice in
6 writing in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district
7 and to any public school district or private school in Washington
8 state annually requesting such a notice, that the same is available
9 for sale, rent, or lease to public school districts or approved
10 private schools, at depreciated cost or fair market value, whichever
11 is greater: PROVIDED, That students wishing to purchase texts
12 pursuant to RCW 28A.320.230(~~(+2)~~) (1)(b) shall have priority as to
13 such texts. The notice requirement in this section does not apply to
14 the sale or transfer of assistive devices under RCW 28A.335.205 or
15 chapter 72.40 RCW. Such districts or agencies shall not otherwise
16 sell, rent or lease such surplus property to any person, firm,
17 organization, or nongovernmental agency for at least thirty days
18 following publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation
19 in the school district.

20 (2) In lieu of complying with subsection (1) of this section,
21 school districts and educational service districts may elect to
22 (~~grant~~):

23 (a) Grant surplus personal property to a federal, state, or local
24 governmental entity, or to indigent persons, at no cost on the
25 condition the property be used for preschool through twelfth grade
26 educational purposes(~~, or elect to loan~~);

27 (b) Loan surplus personal property to a nonreligious,
28 nonsectarian private entity on the condition the property be used for
29 the preschool through twelfth grade education of members of the
30 public on a nondiscriminatory basis;

31 (c) Sell surplus technology hardware at depreciated cost to
32 public school students. The sale must be recorded in an agreement
33 between the parties that indicates the surplus technology hardware's
34 depreciated cost; or

35 (d) Grant surplus technology hardware at no cost to public school
36 students who are from low-income families. The grant must be recorded
37 in an agreement between the parties that indicates the surplus
38 technology hardware's depreciated cost, if any.

1 (3) Public school students from low-income families must have
2 priority for receiving surplus technology hardware under this
3 section.

4 (4) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
5 apply:

6 (a) "Low-income families" mean families with students qualifying
7 for free or reduced-price meals or families with an income at or
8 below 185 percent of the federal poverty level at the time of the
9 grant under subsection (2)(d) of this section;

10 (b) "Public school students" include recent graduates and persons
11 who were enrolled in a public school at any time during the 12 months
12 preceding a sale under subsection (2)(c) of this section or a grant
13 under subsection (2)(d) of this section; and

14 (c) "Surplus technology hardware" means computer laptops,
15 tablets, and other electronic devices or equipment issued by the
16 public school to students for their use during a school year.

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