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1 AN ACT Relating to parent education; adding new sections to Title
2 28A RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Parents are the first teachers of their
5 children. Society relies on parents for the development of language
6 and social skills necessary for a successful school experience. In
7 reality, people often know more about a new car when they purchase it
8 than they do about the growth and development of a new baby when they
9 bring him or her home. It is essential that the information and
10 support necessary to assure that new parents can provide a sound
11 educational foundation be provided. The purpose of the parent as first
12 teacher program is to provide such a foundation.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The parent as first teacher pilot
2 program is created to provide funding to a minimum of twenty-five
3 program sites to:

4 (1) Provide developmental screening for children ages twelve
5 through thirty-six months;

6 (2) Provide parent education for first-time parents with children
7 from birth through age three; and

8 (3) Provide resource material on home learning activities, private
9 group educational guidance, individual and group learning experiences
10 for parent and child, and other activities that enable the parent to
11 improve learning in the home.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Agencies or organizations applying
13 for money for a parent as first teacher pilot program shall submit an
14 application that includes, but is not limited to, the following
15 information:

16 (a) The number of children from birth to age three in their service
17 area;

18 (b) The method by which the agency or organization will identify
19 and contact first-time parents with children from birth to age three;

20 (c) The method of providing developmental information and
21 activities to parents;

22 (d) Methods for providing periodic developmental evaluation of
23 children enrolled in the pilot project;

24 (e) The training and experience of staff to be used in providing
25 the developmental information and activities and evaluations; and

26 (f) The identity of other community or state services within the
27 service area that have agreed to assist in the development and
28 implementation of the program. This may include services from family
29 support centers and the high priority infant tracking program.

1 (2) In providing the services outlined in this section, a school
2 district, if selected, may use persons who are not certified by the
3 state board of education.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of community development
5 shall establish rules for the award of grant moneys to agencies or
6 organizations for the implementation of a parent as first teacher pilot
7 program.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are
9 each added to chapter 43.63A RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of one million dollars, or as
11 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
12 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the department of
13 community development for the operation of the parent as first teacher
14 pilot program. No more than ten percent of the money appropriated for
15 this program shall be used to cover administrative costs within the
16 department of community development.