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ATTY/TYPIST: SCG:rmh

BRIEF TITLE: Requiring the office of the superintendent of public
instruction to provide support to individuals and
organizations for the establishment of nonprofit
education foundations.

1 AN ACT Relating to assisting school districts to establish and
2 develop educational foundations; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.300 RCW; creating a new section; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit
6 educational foundations created to provide financial and other support
7 to public schools can play an important role in enhancing the quality
8 of education in Washington state. Educational foundations are private
9 nonprofit corporations that are organized to benefit education in
10 school districts and local communities. These foundations do not
11 supplant the role of the state. They are able to access private,
12 federal, and local resources not otherwise available to public schools,
13 to devise innovative solutions to solve problems, and to serve students
14 in new and innovative ways. Existing efforts supported or administered
15 by foundations include drop-out prevention programs, innovative
16 classroom grants, and math clubs for girls.

17 The legislature further finds that while the number of public
18 school foundations in Washington is increasing, only a small percentage
19 of the school districts in the state are assisted by foundations. In

1 addition, many states have one hundred to two hundred education
2 foundations enhancing educational opportunities for their students.
3 Additional leadership and support from the state in assisting in the
4 establishment and development of foundations would increase the number
5 of foundations, and thereby increase the number of students who would
6 benefit from their support.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
10 enter into a contract with one or more organizations or individuals to
11 provide support, guidance, training, and technical assistance to
12 individuals and organizations for the establishment and development of
13 nonprofit educational foundations established to provide financial
14 support and services to assist public schools.

15 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
16 solicit contract proposals from the following: Washington state school
17 directors' association, northwest development officers association,
18 Washington association of partners in education, and other individuals
19 and organizations that have the appropriate experience and expertise.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of seventy-five thousand
21 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
22 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, from the general fund to the
23 office of the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of
24 this act.

25 (2) The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as
26 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
27 2001, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of
28 public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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