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3 By Committee on Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that improving  
8 the quality of education is essential to improving the ability of  
9 students to prosper in a changing work force. Today's employers have  
10 a tremendous need for technically skilled people whether they are  
11 graduating from high school, a community college, a four-year  
12 university, or a technical college.

13 (2) The legislature further finds that student motivation can be  
14 greatly increased by demonstration of practical application of course  
15 work content and relevancy to student career interests.

16 (3) The legislature further finds that our rapidly changing work  
17 force demands improving basic competencies and skills by challenging  
18 and motivating our students to compete in a global economy.

19 (4) The legislature further finds that students should have access  
20 to both academic and vocational education in accordance with their  
21 interests, needs, and abilities. The elimination of rigid tracking  
22 into educational programs will increase students post high school  
23 options and expose students to a wide range of vocational and academic  
24 opportunities.

25 (5) The purpose of sections 2 through 12 of this act is to equip  
26 students with increased academic and vocational education opportunities  
27 through the establishment of academic and vocational integration  
28 development projects geographically distributed throughout the state."

1        "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.        There is established in the office of  
2 the superintendent of public instruction an academic and vocational  
3 integration development program which shall fund and coordinate pilot  
4 projects to develop model secondary school projects. The projects  
5 shall combine academic and vocational education into a single  
6 instructional system that is responsive to the educational needs of all  
7 students in secondary schools. Goals of the projects within the  
8 program shall include at a minimum:

9        (1) Integration of vocational and academic instructional curriculum  
10 into a single curriculum;

11       (2) Emphasis on increased vocational, personal, and academic  
12 guidance and counseling for students as an essential component of the  
13 student's high school experience;

14       (3) Active participation of educators in the planning,  
15 implementation, and operation of the project, including increased  
16 opportunities for professional development and in-service training; and

17       (4) Active participation by employers, private and public community  
18 service providers, parents, and community members in the development  
19 and operation of the project."

20       "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.        The superintendent of public instruction  
21 shall develop a process for schools or school districts to apply to  
22 participate in the academic and vocational integration development  
23 program. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
24 review and select projects for grant awards, and monitor and evaluate  
25 the academic and vocational integration development program."

26       "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.        The superintendent of public instruction  
27 shall appoint a ten-member task force on academic and vocational  
28 integration. The task force shall include at least one representative

1 from the work force training and education coordinating board. The  
2 task force shall advise the superintendent of public instruction in the  
3 development of the process for applying to participate in the academic  
4 and vocational integration development program, in the review and  
5 selection of projects under section 3 of this act, and the monitoring  
6 and evaluation of the projects."

7       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**       Initial applications to participate in  
8 the academic and vocational integration development program shall be  
9 submitted by the school district board of directors to the  
10 superintendent of public instruction not later than June 1, 1992.  
11 Subject to available funding, additional applications may be submitted  
12 for consideration by November 1 of subsequent years.       The  
13 superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the initial award  
14 grants by July 30, 1992.       The initial academic and vocational  
15 integration development projects shall commence with the 1992-93 school  
16 year.       Each application shall include a proposed plan that:

17       (1) Enumerates specific activities to be carried out as part of the  
18 pilot school's project;

19       (2) Commits all parties to work cooperatively during the term of  
20 the pilot project;

21       (3) Includes budget plans for the project and additional  
22 anticipated sources of funding, including private grants and  
23 contributions, if any;

24       (4) Identifies the evaluation and accountability processes to be  
25 used to measure school-wide student and project performance;

26       (5) Identifies and justifies any request for waiver of specific  
27 state statutes or administrative rules;

1 (6) Includes a written statement that school directors and  
2 administrators are willing to exempt the school or schools from  
3 specifically identified local rules, as needed;

4 (7) Includes a written statement that the school directors and the  
5 local bargaining agents will modify those portions of their local  
6 agreements as applicable for the schools' projects; and

7 (8) Includes evidence that the school district employs a certified  
8 vocational education administrator."

9 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. (1) The superintendent of public  
10 instruction shall administer sections 1 through 12 of this act.

11 (2) The academic and vocational integration development projects  
12 may be conducted for up to six years, if funds are provided."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. (1) The superintendent of public  
14 instruction may accept, receive, and administer for the purposes of  
15 sections 1 through 12 of this act such gifts, grants, and contributions  
16 as may be provided from public and private sources for the purposes of  
17 sections 1 through 12 of this act.

18 (2) The academic and vocational integration development program  
19 account is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer.  
20 The superintendent of public instruction shall deposit in the account  
21 all moneys received under this section. Moneys in the account may be  
22 spent only for the purposes of sections 1 through 12 of this act.  
23 Disbursements from this account shall be on the authorization of the  
24 superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.  
25 The account is subject to the allotment procedure provided under  
26 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursements."

1        "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8.        (1) The state board of education, where  
2 appropriate, or the superintendent of public instruction, where  
3 appropriate, may grant waivers to pilot project districts consistent  
4 with law if necessary to implement a pilot project proposal.

5        (2) State rules dealing with public health, safety, and civil  
6 rights, including accessibility by the handicapped, shall not be  
7 waived. A school district may request the state board of education or  
8 the superintendent of public instruction to ask the United States  
9 department of education or other federal agencies to waive certain  
10 federal regulations necessary to fully implement the proposed pilot  
11 project."

12       "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9.        (1) The superintendent of public  
13 instruction, in coordination with the state board for community and  
14 technical colleges, the work force training and education coordinating  
15 board, and the higher education coordinating board, shall provide  
16 technical assistance to selected schools and shall develop a process  
17 that coordinates and facilitates linkages among participating school  
18 districts, technical colleges, and colleges and universities.

19        (2) The superintendent of public instruction and the state board of  
20 education may adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to  
21 implement its duties under sections 1 through 12 of this act."

22       "NEW SECTION. Sec. 10.       (1) The superintendent of public  
23 instruction shall report to the legislature on the progress of the  
24 schools for the academic and vocational integration development program  
25 by December 15 of each odd-numbered year.

26        (2) Each school district selected to participate in the academic  
27 and vocational integration development program shall submit an annual

1 report to the superintendent of public instruction on the progress of  
2 the pilot project as a condition of receipt of continued funding."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The superintendent of public  
4 instruction, through the state clearinghouse for education information,  
5 shall collect and disseminate to all school districts and other  
6 interested parties information about the academic and vocational  
7 integration development pilot projects."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Sections 1 through 12 of this act may be  
9 known and cited as the academic and vocational integration development  
10 program."

11 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Sections 1 through 12 of this act are  
12 each added to chapter 28A.630 RCW."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Sections 1 through 12 of this act shall  
14 expire June 30, 1999."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. If any provision of this act or its  
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
17 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
18 persons or circumstances is not affected."

19 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. If any part of this act is found to be  
20 in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition  
21 to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part  
22 of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and  
23 with respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does  
24 not affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its

1 application to the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall  
2 meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt  
3 of federal funds by the state."

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
7 effect immediately."

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11 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "education;" strike the  
12 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter  
13 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and  
14 declaring an emergency."