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By Representatives Moyer, Hochstatter, Day, Morris, Betrozoff, Wineberry, Orr, Leonard, Forner, Casada, Vance, Nealey, D. Sommers, Winsley, Rasmussen, Chandler, Mitchell and P. Johnson.

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1            AN ACT Relating to an annual award for teaching ethics in  
2 kindergarten through grade twelve education; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 28A.625 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds a compelling  
6 interest in promoting the development and implementation of effective  
7 programs in ethics for students in kindergarten through grade twelve.  
8 The legislature recognizes the importance for young people to  
9 understand and appreciate the need for a sound set of values and  
10 principles consistent with their own and others' well-being; the need  
11 for ethical values that are essential to the maintenance of a  
12 democratic society; and the contribution of ethical behavior to  
13 competence and responsibility in the work place and home. The purpose  
14 of this act is to recognize superior ethics education programs designed  
15 by teachers and incorporated into their regular curriculum.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**        An ad hoc committee of legislators is  
2 established for the sole purpose of implementing an award program for  
3 teachers who develop, integrate, and teach an ethics curriculum in the  
4 classroom. The committee shall give two awards each year for entries  
5 that are innovative, creative, effective, and practical. One award,  
6 for one thousand dollars, will go to a teacher in an urban area, and  
7 the other award, for one thousand dollars, will go to a teacher in a  
8 rural area.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        (1) The committee is composed of eight  
10 members from the legislature: Four appointed by the president of the  
11 senate, two from each major caucus and two who serve on the education  
12 committee; and four appointed by the speaker of the house of  
13 representatives, two from each major caucus and two who serve on the  
14 education committee. The governor shall appoint the superintendent of  
15 public instruction or his or her designee, the director of the higher  
16 education coordinating board or his or her designee, and a president of  
17 a four-year college or his or her designee to serve in an ex officio  
18 capacity.

19        (2) The committee shall meet no later than September 1991. The  
20 duties of the committee will be to establish the awards program,  
21 including the definitions of urban and rural areas, write rules,  
22 solicit entries, judge entries, select the winners, and plan and carry  
23 out the awards ceremony. The chair is elected from and by the  
24 committee. Future meetings are set by the chair as appropriate to  
25 review entries and make awards.

26        (3) The legislative members will serve for two years.

27        (4) The committee is staffed jointly by legislative staff and staff  
28 from the office of the superintendent of public instruction.



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        The committee shall announce the first  
2 awards in December 1993 and each following December, and make the  
3 presentations during the second week of the upcoming legislative  
4 session.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**        Sections 2 through 5 of this act are  
6 each added to chapter 28A.625 RCW.