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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6366

By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Pelz, Bailey, Erwin, Craswell, Rinehart, Murray and A. Smith)

52nd Legislature

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State of Washington

- 1 AN ACT Relating to school-age children at risk due to prenatal drug
- 2 or alcohol exposure; creating new sections; and making an
- 3 appropriation.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that an alarmingly
- 6 increasing number of children are exposed to drugs including crack
- 7 cocaine and to alcohol before they are born. These children are
- 8 biologically at risk due to the prenatal drug or alcohol exposure. The
- 9 legislature finds that the state of Washington cannot afford to condemn
- 10 these children to becoming a lost generation. The legislature further
- 11 finds that by beginning the planning process to design effective
- 12 programs once the children enter the school system, our school system
- 13 can become better equipped to successfully educate all of our children
- 14 to become productive and educated citizens.

1992 Regular Session

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** (1) The planning for learning project is
- 2 created. The purpose of the project is to begin to develop and
- 3 distribute information about effective teaching methods for elementary
- 4 age school children who are at risk due to prenatal drug or alcohol
- 5 exposure. The project shall be developed in conjunction with the
- 6 superintendent of public instruction and school districts. One of the
- 7 goals of the project is to create a report that can be used by
- 8 educators, school districts, and legislators on what is known about
- 9 effective teaching practices for such children. The project shall be
- 10 conducted to do the following:
- 11 (a) Compile and analyze existing research on effective teaching and
- 12 learning strategies for children who are biologically at risk due to
- 13 prenatal drug or alcohol exposure;
- 14 (b) Develop recommendations for further research if necessary and
- 15 program implementation; and
- 16 (c) Develop policy recommendations, in conjunction with the
- 17 superintendent of public instruction and school districts, for school
- 18 districts, the superintendent of public instruction, and the
- 19 legislature.
- 20 (2) The report shall be completed by December 15, 1992, and
- 21 submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature and
- 22 the superintendent of public instruction.
- 23 (3) This section shall expire January 1, 1993.
- 24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-five thousand dollars,
- 25 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
- 26 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the University
- 27 of Washington for the fetal alcohol and drug unit of the department of
- 28 psychiatry and behavioral science in the University of Washington
- 29 school of medicine to conduct the study. The University of Washington

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- 1 shall not charge or deduct indirect costs of any kind from this sum.
- 2 The fetal alcohol and drug unit shall work with school districts and
- 3 the superintendent of public instruction in developing the
- 4 recommendations.