
SENATE BILL 6366

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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 NEW SECTION. **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.

1 NEW SECTION. **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. One of the goals of the project is to create a report that
6 can be used by educators on what is known about effective teaching
7 practices for such children. The project shall be conducted to do the
8 following:

9 (a) Compile and analyze existing research on effective teaching and
10 learning strategies for children who are biologically at risk due to
11 prenatal drug or alcohol exposure;

12 (b) Develop recommendations for further research if necessary and
13 program implementation; and

14 (c) Develop policy recommendations for school districts, the
15 superintendent of public instruction, and the legislature.

16 (2) The report shall be completed by December 15, 1992, and
17 submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature and
18 the superintendent of public instruction.

19 (3) This section shall expire January 1, 1993.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-five thousand dollars,
21 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
22 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the University
23 of Washington for the fetal alcohol and drug unit of the department of
24 psychiatry and behavioral science in the University of Washington
25 school of medicine to conduct the study. The University of Washington
26 shall not charge or deduct indirect costs of any kind from this sum.
27 The fetal alcohol and drug unit shall work with school districts in
28 developing the recommendations.