

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1211

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Synopsis as Enacted

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**Brief Description:** Granting additional powers to boards of directors of educational service districts.

By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Ogden, Brumsickle, Franklin, Jacobsen, Carlson, Springer, Orr, Leonard, H. Myers and Basich).

House Committee on Education  
Senate Committee on Education

**Background:** School districts and educational service districts (ESDs) have only those powers expressly authorized by law or necessarily or fairly implied in the powers expressly authorized by law.

During the 1992 session, the Legislature gave school districts broad discretionary power to adopt written policies that provide for the development and implementation of programs, activities, services, or practices the school board determines will promote the education of students or the efficient or safe management and operation of the school district.

No similar power was given to ESDs.

**Summary:** An ESD may provide cooperative and informational services concerning the development and implementation of programs, activities, services, or practices supporting the education of students or the effective and safe management and operation of school districts.

Before an ESD provides such services, one or more school districts served by the ESD must have requested the services in writing.

By January 10, 1994, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy must submit a report to the Legislature. The report is to include recommendations for the design of a comprehensive study of the role and performance of educational service districts.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0	
Senate	45	1	(Senate amended)
House	95	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** July 25, 1993