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HOUSE BILL 2105

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1            AN ACT Relating to creating the successful tutoring of at-risk  
2 students program; adding new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating  
3 a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that approximately  
6 thirty percent of the K-12 student population are considered  
7 academically at risk for school failure. These students fall at or  
8 below the twenty-fifth percentile on standardized group achievement  
9 tests. The legislature further finds that individual tutorial programs  
10 have contributed to a significant improvement in the academic  
11 performance of at-risk students. Tutors are able to provide one-on-one  
12 instructional support to help students with basic skills, serve as role  
13 models, and increase the student's awareness of his or her personal  
14 and professional role in life. The legislature further finds, however,  
15 that few tutorial programs target middle school and high school  
16 students, which together comprise nearly sixty percent of at-risk  
17 students, and that few tutorial programs tie the tutorial assistance to  
18 a student's class curriculum and instruction. The legislature further  
19 finds that a comprehensive standardized tutorial training program will

1 deliver quality tutorial services to at-risk students more effectively  
2 and also attract and retain large numbers of volunteer tutors to the  
3 program.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The successful tutoring of at-risk students, or STARS program is  
7 hereby created. The purpose of the program is to provide two-year  
8 grants to school districts to create or supplement tutoring programs  
9 designed to provide additional assistance to students who are at risk  
10 of school failure. Funds from the grants may be used to:

11 (1) Provide district-wide coordination of tutorial programs;

12 (2) Encourage and enhance partnerships among parents and members of  
13 the community, business and labor sectors, and other public and private  
14 organizations;

15 (3) Provide tutoring services to students in grades kindergarten  
16 through twelve;

17 (4) Provide training and support for tutors; and

18 (5) Take other actions necessary to develop and implement student  
19 tutoring programs.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) School districts interested in receiving a successful tutoring  
23 of at-risk students program grant shall apply to the superintendent of  
24 public instruction by September 1, 1993, and by July 1 in odd-numbered  
25 years thereafter. Grant applications shall include a summary of any  
26 existing school district tutoring programs, proposed activities to be  
27 funded by the grant, an implementation time line, a proposed budget,  
28 how the success of the tutoring program will be evaluated, and other  
29 information as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

30 (2) The grants shall be awarded by October 15, 1993, for the  
31 initial grant cycle, and by September 1 in odd-numbered years  
32 thereafter. In awarding grants, the superintendent shall consider,  
33 among other factors, the number of at-risk students proposed to be  
34 served by the tutoring program and the likely effectiveness of the  
35 proposed tutoring program.

1 (3) Successful tutoring of at-risk students program grants shall  
2 not be used to supplant programs funded through categorical program  
3 funds.

4 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall analyze the  
5 effectiveness of the successful tutoring of at-risk students program in  
6 assisting at-risk students and submit the analysis to the appropriate  
7 committees of the legislature by December 1, 1995.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much  
9 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
10 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the superintendent of public  
11 instruction for the purposes of the program established in sections 2  
12 and 3 of this act.

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