
HOUSE BILL 2476

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1 AN ACT Relating to educational choice; and amending RCW
2 28A.225.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.225.220 and 1993 c 336 s 1008 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any board of directors may make agreements with adults choosing
7 to attend school: PROVIDED, That unless such arrangements are approved
8 by the state superintendent of public instruction, a reasonable tuition
9 charge, fixed by the state superintendent of public instruction, shall
10 be paid by such students as best may be accommodated therein.

11 (2) A district is strongly encouraged to honor the request of a
12 parent or guardian for his or her child to attend a school in another
13 district.

14 (3) A district shall release a student to a nonresident district
15 that agrees to accept the student if:

16 (a) A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting
17 the student would likely be reasonably improved as a result of the
18 transfer; or

1 (b) Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more
2 accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of child
3 care; or

4 (c) There is a special hardship or detrimental condition.

5 (4) A district may deny the request of a resident student to
6 transfer to a nonresident district if the release of the student would
7 adversely affect the district's existing desegregation plan.

8 (5) For the purpose of helping a district assess the quality of its
9 education program, a resident school district may request an optional
10 exit interview or questionnaire with the parents or guardians of a
11 child transferring to another district. No parent or guardian may be
12 forced to attend such an interview or complete the questionnaire.

13 (6) Beginning with the ~~((1993-94))~~ 1994-95 school year, school
14 districts accepting nonresident students under subsection (3) of this
15 section and RCW 28A.225.225 may ~~((not))~~ charge the student's resident
16 school district a transfer fee~~((s or tuition for nonresident students~~
17 enrolled under subsection (3) of this section and RCW 28A.225.225)).
18 The annual transfer fee shall not exceed the maintenance and operation
19 excess tax levy rate per annual average full-time equivalent student of
20 the district in which the student has transferred, as determined by the
21 superintendent of public instruction. If a school district charges a
22 transfer fee, the fee shall be applied uniformly to all transfer
23 students. Reimbursement of a high school district for cost of educat-
24 ing high school pupils of a nonhigh school district shall not be deemed
25 a transfer fee as affecting the apportionment of current state school
26 funds.

27 (7) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules
28 pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW to implement subsection (6) of this
29 section.

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