
HOUSE BILL 2918

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1 AN ACT Relating to education; and amending RCW 28A.300.138.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.138 and 1993 c 336 s 301 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the office of the
6 superintendent of public instruction shall provide student learning
7 improvement grants for the 1994-95 through 1996-97 school years. The
8 purpose of the grants is to provide funds for additional time and
9 resources for staff development and planning or other activities by the
10 school community intended to improve student learning for all students,
11 including students with diverse needs, consistent with the student
12 learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210.

13 (2) To be eligible for student learning improvement grants, school
14 district boards of directors shall:

15 (a) Adopt a policy regarding the sharing of instructional decisions
16 with school staff, parents, and community members;

17 (b) Submit school-based applications that have been developed by
18 school building personnel, parents, and community members. Each
19 application shall:

1 (i) Enumerate specific activities to be carried out as part of the
2 grant;

3 (ii) Identify the technical resources desired and availability of
4 those resources;

5 (iii) Include a proposed budget; and

6 (iv) Indicate that the application was approved by the school
7 principal and representatives of teachers, parents, and the community.

8 (3) The school board shall conduct at least one public hearing on
9 schools' plans for using the grants before the board approves the
10 plans. Boards may hear and approve more than one school's plan at a
11 hearing. The board shall only submit applications for grants to the
12 superintendent of public instruction if the board has approved the
13 plans.

14 (4) If the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section
15 are met, the superintendent of public instruction shall approve the
16 grant application unless the proposal in the grant application (a) is
17 not consistent with school-based activities necessary to achieve a
18 performance-based education system as specified in chapter 336, Laws of
19 1993, as amended, or (b) will substitute for education reform
20 activities undertaken by the school as of the effective date of this
21 section. The superintendent of public instruction may waive conditions
22 in (b) of this subsection if a district experiences a significant
23 reduction in financial resources.

24 (5) To the extent funds are appropriated, and for allocation
25 purposes only, the amount of grants for the 1994-95 school year shall
26 be based on time equivalent to no fewer than three days and not more
27 than five days depending upon the number of grant applications received
28 and on the number of full-time equivalent certificated staff (~~(7~~
29 ~~classified instructional aides, and classified secretaries))~~) who work
30 in the school at the time of application. Funds from the grant may be
31 used to pay for planning and staff development for certificated and
32 classified staff, and for other activities consistent with the purpose
33 of the grant program. For the 1995-96 and 1996-97 school years, the
34 equivalent of ((five)) up to four days annually shall be ((provided))
35 allocated. Activities conducted pursuant to this section also may be
36 conducted during the months of July and August preceding each school
37 year for which the school has received a grant. Expenses incurred as
38 a result of these summer activities may be paid from the following
39 school year grant. ((The allocation per full-time equivalent staff

1 ~~shall be determined in the biennial operating appropriations act.))~~
2 School districts shall use all funds received under this section solely
3 for grants to schools and shall not use any portion of the funds for
4 indirect costs.

5 (6) The state schools for the deaf and blind may apply for grants
6 under this section.

7 (7) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt timelines
8 and rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the
9 program. The superintendent may modify application requirements for
10 schools that have schools for the twenty-first century projects under
11 RCW 28A.630.100. A copy of the proposed rules shall be submitted to
12 the joint select committee on education restructuring established in
13 RCW 28A.630.950 at least forty-five days prior to adoption of the
14 rules.

15 (8) Funding under this section shall not become a part of the
16 state's basic program of education obligation as set forth under
17 Article IX of the state Constitution.

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