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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the state
8 of Washington has a rich agricultural history and that agriculture
9 continues to be one of the most basic and important industries of the
10 state. The legislature finds that the growth of this vital industry
11 requires that students continue to receive vocational agriculture
12 instruction from trained and qualified vocational agriculture
13 instructors. The legislature further finds that the number of
14 qualified vocational agriculture educators is declining. The
15 legislature finds that a vocational agriculture teacher recruitment
16 program is necessary to protect the educational and career
17 opportunities for students with interests in vocational agriculture.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.415
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) The Washington state vocational agriculture teacher recruitment
21 program is established. The program shall be designed by the state
22 board of education, in consultation with the higher education
23 coordinating board, representatives of institutions of higher
24 education, education organizations having an interest in teacher
25 recruitment issues, state-wide agricultural business organizations,
26 organizations having an interest in agriculture education, the
27 superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and
28 technical colleges, and the department of agriculture. The program
29 shall be designed to recruit students who are in grades nine through
30 twelve and adults who have entered other occupations to be future
31 vocational agriculture teachers.

32 (2) The program shall include the following:

33 (a) Encouraging students in grades nine through twelve to acquire
34 the academic and related skills necessary to prepare for the study of
35 vocational agriculture at an institution of higher education;

1 (b) Promoting vocational agriculture teaching career opportunities
2 to develop an awareness of the opportunities in the education
3 profession;

4 (c) Providing opportunities for students to experience the
5 application of regular high school course work to activities related to
6 a teaching career in vocational agriculture;

7 (d) Providing information on the transferability of skills learned
8 in other occupations and professions to activities related to a
9 teaching career in vocational agriculture;

10 (e) Providing opportunities for underrepresented populations to
11 participate in activities related to a teaching career in vocational
12 agriculture; and

13 (f) Providing for increased cooperation among institutions of
14 higher education including community colleges, the superintendent of
15 public instruction, the state board of education, and local school
16 districts in working toward the goals of the program.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
18 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
19 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "teachers;" strike the
24 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
25 28A.415 RCW; and creating new sections."

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