

2 **2SHB 1027** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Education

4 ADOPTED 4/13/95

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in order to
8 improve student learning in Washington's public schools, school
9 districts and the state need to take actions to use the maximum amount
10 of available funding and resources to improve student achievement. The
11 legislature intends to study the state-level education governance
12 system to improve student learning and to reduce unnecessary regulatory
13 oversight. The legislature also finds that if school districts are
14 encouraged to review their expenditures, school districts can develop
15 strategies that will increase the amount of resources used in the
16 classroom.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint select committee on education
18 restructuring established in RCW 28A.630.950 shall review the current
19 constitutional and statutory roles and responsibilities of the office
20 of the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of
21 education, the work force training and education coordinating board,
22 the commission on student learning, and educational service districts,
23 and by December 15, 1996, develop a recommendation to the legislature
24 for creating a revised state-level education governance system. The
25 new state-level governance system shall: (a) Focus on the improvement
26 of student learning; (b) result in a reduction of state-level
27 administrative expenditures; (c) provide school district staff and
28 parents technical assistance and leadership; (d) result in minimal
29 regulatory oversight; and (e) have clear lines of authority and
30 accountability.

31 (2) The select committee may continue its review of laws that
32 inhibit, or do not enhance, student learning.

33 (3) This section shall expire December 31, 1997.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) School district boards of directors are
2 strongly encouraged to review school district expenditures, and to take
3 actions that will increase the percentage of district funds that are
4 used to support the classroom. In order to assist school districts in
5 this effort, the school district financial review program is created.
6 The purpose of the program is to provide funding to school districts to
7 conduct financial reviews and to develop strategies that will increase
8 the amount of resources that are used in the classroom.

9 (2) The program shall be administered by the superintendent of
10 public instruction, or a public, nonprofit, or private contractor as
11 designated by the superintendent.

12 (3) The superintendent, or his or her designee, shall establish
13 application and approval requirements for the program. A minimum fifty
14 percent financial match shall be required of school districts.
15 Districts with enrollments larger than five hundred full-time
16 equivalent students that expended less than two-thirds of their total
17 general fund expenditures on teaching and teaching support during the
18 1993-94 fiscal year shall receive priority in the allocation of funds.

19 (4) School districts that receive grants shall submit a report to
20 the superintendent, or his or her designee, by December 31, 1995, of
21 actions that the district has taken, or plans to take, to increase
22 classroom expenditures. The superintendent, or his or her designee,
23 shall summarize the information submitted by the districts and present
24 a summary to the fiscal and education policy committees of the
25 legislature before January 15, 1996. If one or more of the fiscal or
26 policy committees find that adequate progress is not being made in
27 redirecting resources to the classroom, the committee or committees
28 shall recommend to the legislature additional measures that should be
29 taken.

30 (5) The process established in subsections (1) through (4) of this
31 section shall be repeated during calendar year 1997, with the summary
32 in subsection (4) of this section being submitted to the legislature
33 before December 31, 1997.

34 (6) This section shall expire December 31, 1997.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
36 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
37 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect May 1, 1995."

5 **2SHB 1027** - S COMM AMD
6 By Committee on Education

7
8
9
10
ADOPTED 4/13/95

8 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "classroom;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; providing an
10 effective date; and declaring an emergency."

--- END ---