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1 AN ACT Relating to parent involvement in education; amending RCW
2 28A.625.020, 28A.625.042, and 28A.625.050; creating a new section; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that parents are their
6 children's first teachers. The legislature further finds that parents
7 play a vital role in the education of their children. Recognition of
8 parents who demonstrate excellence in involvement in their children's
9 education is an important step in promoting parental involvement in
10 education.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.625.020 and 1991 c 255 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an annual
14 award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers,
15 principals, administrators, classified staff, school district
16 superintendents, parents, and school boards for their leadership,
17 contributions, and commitment to education. The program shall
18 recognize annually:

1 (1) Five teachers from each congressional district of the state.
2 One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be a
3 junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a secondary
4 level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff associates;

5 (2) Five principals or administrators from the state;

6 (3) One school district superintendent from the state;

7 (4) One school district board of directors from the state; ((and))

8 (5) Three parents of students from each congressional district of
9 the state. One parent shall have a student in elementary school, one
10 parent shall have a student in middle school, and one parent shall have
11 a student in high school with each school being in a school district
12 within the congressional district; and

13 (6) Three classified staff from each congressional district of the
14 state.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.625.042 and 1994 c 279 s 4 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in
18 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the
19 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated
20 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate
21 locations.

22 (2) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this
23 section, the award for teachers, classified employees, superintendents
24 employed by second class school districts, and principals or
25 administrators shall include a recognition award of at least two
26 thousand five hundred dollars. The amount of the recognition award for
27 superintendents employed by first class school districts shall be at
28 least one thousand dollars. The recognition award shall not be
29 considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

30 (3) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this
31 section, the award for the school board shall include a recognition
32 award not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The school
33 board must use its recognition award for an educational purpose.

34 (4) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this
35 section, the award for the parent shall include a recognition award not
36 to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars payable to the school that
37 the parent's child attends. The funds shall be used for programs for
38 parents at that student's school.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.625.050 and 1995 c 335 s 108 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under
4 chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.010 through
5 28A.625.065. These rules shall include establishing the selection
6 criteria for the Washington award for excellence in education program.
7 The superintendent is encouraged to consult with teachers, educational
8 staff associates, principals, administrators, classified employees,
9 superintendents, parents, and school board members in developing the
10 selection criteria. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28A.625.020
11 (1) and (2), such rules may allow for the selection of individuals
12 whose teaching or administrative duties, or both, may encompass
13 multiple grade level or building assignments, or both.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of sixty-seven thousand five hundred
15 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
16 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the
17 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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