
SENATE BILL 6682

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By Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, Drew and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to an integrated curriculum of agriculture and
2 history; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the state of
5 Washington has a rich agricultural history and that agriculture
6 continues to be one of the most basic and important industries of the
7 state. The legislature finds that student awareness and understanding
8 of the influence of agriculture in shaping the state should be
9 strengthened.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) To the extent funds are appropriated,
11 the superintendent of public instruction shall establish a pilot
12 program and grant funds to selected school districts to develop and
13 implement an educational program integrating vocational agriculture and
14 academic instruction in the areas of history. Districts receiving
15 grants shall agree to share information about the program developed
16 with other districts and with the center for the improvement of student
17 learning.

1 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as
2 necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out this section.

3 (3) The school districts receiving grants under this section shall
4 develop the integrated curriculum in cooperation with the
5 superintendent of public instruction, state and local agricultural
6 organizations that work with youth, and organizations interested in
7 Washington state history.

8 (4) The integrated curriculum may include, but not be limited to:

9 (a) Agricultural trends: Past, present, and future;

10 (b) International agricultural trade issues;

11 (c) Agricultural practices and techniques for managing water and
12 other natural resources; and

13 (d) Safety standards and practices for the handling of agricultural
14 equipment and materials.

15 (5) The center for the improvement of student learning shall
16 distribute information about the integrated curriculum and make the
17 curriculum available to interested school districts.

18 (6) This section shall expire June 30, 1997.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred
20 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
21 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the
22 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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