

1 **SSB 5071** - H AMD to H AMD (5071-S AMH TALC HAUT 8) **516 FAILED**
2 By Representative Cole **4-9-97**

3 On page 1, after line 4 of the amendment, strike sections 1
4 through 5 and insert the following:

5 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.315.250 and 1985 c 385 s 19 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Each incorporated city or town in the state shall be comprised
8 in one school district: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section
9 shall be construed: (1) To prevent the extension of the boundaries
10 of a school district beyond the limits of the city or town
11 contained therein, or (2) to prevent the inclusion of two or more
12 incorporated cities or towns in a single school district, or (3) to
13 change or disturb the boundaries of any school district organized
14 prior to the incorporation of any city or town, except as hereafter
15 in this section provided.

16 In case all or any part of a school district that operates a
17 school or schools on one site only or operates elementary schools
18 only on two or more sites is included in an incorporated city or
19 town through the extension of the limits of such city or town in
20 the manner provided by law, the ~~((educational service district
21 superintendent shall: (1) Declare))~~ regional committee may, in its
22 discretion, prepare a proposal for transfer of any part or all of
23 the territory so included to ((be a part of)) the school district
24 containing the city or town and ~~((+2))~~, whenever a part of a
25 district so included contains a school building of the district,
26 ~~((present to the regional committee a proposal))~~ for the
27 disposition of any part or all of the remaining territory of the
28 district.

29 In case of the extension of the limits of a town to include
30 territory lying in a school district that operates on more than one
31 site one or more elementary schools and one or more junior high
32 schools or high schools, the regional committee ~~((shall))~~ may, in
33 its discretion, prepare a proposal or proposals for annexation to
34 the school district in which the town is located any part or all of
35 the territory aforesaid which has been included in the town and for

1 annexation to the school district in which the town is located or
2 to some other school district or districts any part or all of the
3 remaining territory of the school district affected by extension of
4 the limits of the town: PROVIDED, That where no school or school
5 site is located within the territory annexed to the town and not
6 less than seventy-five percent of the registered voters residing
7 within the annexed territory present a petition in writing for
8 annexation and transfer of said territory to the school district in
9 which the town is located, the educational service district
10 superintendent shall declare the territory so included to be a part
11 of the school district containing said town: PROVIDED FURTHER,
12 That territory approved for annexation to a city or town by vote of
13 the electors residing therein prior to January 12, 1953, shall not
14 be subject to the provisions herein respecting annexation to a
15 school district or school districts: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That
16 the provisions and procedural requirements of this chapter as now
17 or hereafter amended not in conflict with or inconsistent with the
18 provisions hereinabove in this section stated shall apply in the
19 case of any proposal or proposals (1) for the alteration of the
20 boundaries of school districts through and by means of annexation
21 of territory as aforesaid, and (2) for the adjustment of the assets
22 and liabilities of the school districts involved or affected
23 thereby.

24 In case of the incorporation of a city or town containing
25 territory lying in two or more school districts or of the uniting
26 of two or more cities or towns not located in the same school
27 district, the educational service district superintendent, except
28 where the incorporation or consolidation would affect a district or
29 districts of the first class, shall: (1) Order and declare to be
30 established in each such case a single school district comprising
31 all of the school districts involved, and (2) designate each such
32 district by name and by a number different from that of any other
33 district in existence in the county.

34 The educational service district superintendent shall fix as
35 the effective date of any declaration or order required under this
36 section a date no later than the first day of September next
37 succeeding the date of the issuance of such declaration or order.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative audit and
2 review committee shall undertake a comprehensive study of the
3 current laws and state board of education's rules governing school
4 district organization. In conducting the study, the committee
5 shall seek input from the state board of education, the
6 superintendent of public instruction, the educational service
7 districts, the regional committees on school district organization,
8 the Washington state school directors' association, representatives
9 of cities, towns, and counties, and citizens.

10 (2) The purpose of the study under subsection (1) of this
11 section is to determine if the existing procedures and requirements
12 for school district organization are adequate and appropriate.

13 (3) The committee shall submit a report on the study to the
14 legislature by December 1, 1997. The report shall include any
15 recommendations for statutory changes and shall indicate whether
16 the fundamental goal of the state's school district organization
17 policy should be to support community and neighborhood schools and
18 parental involvement.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
21 the state government and its existing public institutions, and
22 takes effect immediately."

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25 On page 5, after line 28, strike everything through
26 sections.- on page 5, line 31 and insert Correct the title-

EFFECT: The automatic transfer of annexed property of a one-site school district to an annexing city or town is changed. If a city or town annexes property in a one-site school district and the annexed property contains a school building, then the regional committee has the discretion to decide which school district contains the property.

The provision permitting the regional committee to decide which school district contains annexed property when a town extends its limits to include any part of a school district operating on more than one site remains unchanged.

A new section is added requiring the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a study of school district organization policies, laws, and rules, and report findings to the legislature by December 1, 1997.

An emergency clause is added, making the act effective immediately.