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1 AN ACT Relating to educational grants; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 28A.200 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.200
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 In support of the tremendous sacrifices and contributions made by
7 the parents, guardians, or custodians of a child subject to this
8 section; to formally recognize the state's prior legislative delegation
9 of the responsibility to educate children to those conducting home-
10 based instruction; to redirect education funding to local levels; to
11 encourage educational competition and diversity; and to reduce the
12 costs of state education bureaucracy and administration, the state
13 establishes educational grants, to be administered as follows:

14 (1) The parents, guardians, or custodian of a child subject to this
15 section must file at the end of each school year with the public school
16 district superintendent who holds the declaration of intent to conduct
17 home-based instruction, a statement certifying that the child
18 successfully completed that school year, or portion thereof, under

1 home-based instruction that is free from sectarian control or
2 influence.

3 (2) The public school district superintendent, based on the
4 certification of subsection (1) of this section, shall, within thirty
5 days of receipt of the certification, request the state treasurer to
6 pay to the parents, guardians, or custodian of each certified child
7 five percent of the average amount spent by the state toward the
8 education of each child enrolled in state public schools during the
9 same school year.

10 (3) The state treasurer, based on the request for payment under
11 subsection (2) of this section, shall, within thirty days of receipt of
12 the request, pay those amounts to the parents, guardians, or custodian
13 so identified by the public school district superintendent.

14 (4) Education grants under this section shall be awarded year-to-
15 year for each certified child completing each year of home-based
16 instruction, or portion thereof, from kindergarten through twelfth
17 grade that is free from sectarian control or influence, beginning with
18 the 1997-98 school year.

19 (5) Participation by parents, guardians, or custodians in these
20 education grants is voluntary, and those not participating are exempt
21 from the certification and documentation requirements in subsection (1)
22 of this section and any state audits.

23 (6) A home school is presumed to be free from sectarian control or
24 influence based on the certification of subsection (1) of this section,
25 and only minimum state controls may be used to implement this section.
26 Nothing in this section may be construed as authorizing home visits,
27 curriculum, or student or instructor examinations by state employees,
28 or increasing state controls of any state agency or employee over any
29 parent, guardian, custodian, or child.

30 (7) The certification and documentation procedures in subsection
31 (1) of this section, absent evidence of criminality, constitute the
32 sole basis of state audits of grants in this section.

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