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By Representatives Cole, Linville, Keiser, Poulsen, Cooper, Gombosky, Dickerson, Fisher, Constantine, Ogden, O'Brien, Gardner, Veloria, Tokuda, Kastama, Wood, Eickmeyer, Dunshee, Murray, Kenney, Wolfe, Conway, Chopp and Kessler

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1 AN ACT Relating to class size reduction; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 28A.150 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.150  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Certificated instructional staffing allocations shall be as  
7 follows:

8 (a) For students in grade four, beginning in the 1998-99 school  
9 year, allocations shall be on the basis of one full-time certificated  
10 instructional staff for twenty students;

11 (b) For students in grades five and six, beginning in the 1999-2000  
12 school year, allocations shall be on the basis of one full-time  
13 certificated instructional staff for twenty-one students;

14 (c) For language arts and math students in grades seven through  
15 twelve, beginning in the 2000-01 school year, allocations shall be on  
16 the basis of one full-time certificated instructional staff for twenty  
17 students;

18 (d) For students in kindergarten through grade three, for the 2001-  
19 02 school year, allocations shall be on the basis of one full-time

1 certificated instructional staff for sixteen and eight-tenths students;  
2 and

3 (e) For students in kindergarten through grade three, beginning in  
4 the 2002-03 school year, allocations shall be on the basis of one full-  
5 time instructional staff for fifteen students.

6 (2) By May 1, 1999, the superintendent of public instruction shall  
7 establish a summer institute for the improvement of instructional  
8 techniques and strategies for middle school, junior high school, and  
9 high school teachers. Each institute shall be thirty hours of staff  
10 development for two thousand teachers. The summer institute shall be  
11 offered each summer.

12 (3) Beginning with the 1998-99 school year, there shall be an  
13 additional supplies and materials allocation to support the class size  
14 reduction program in subsection (1) of this section. This allocation  
15 shall be provided to the certificated instructional staff in affected  
16 grade levels.

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