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SENATE BILL 5682

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By Senators Long, Hochstatter, Patterson, Schow, Rasmussen and Goings

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1            AN ACT Relating to parent and other adult involvement incentives;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.305 RCW; making appropriations; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.305  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) The legislature recognizes the importance of, and wishes to  
8 encourage, parental and other adult involvement in the education of  
9 children.

10           (2) Any classroom with a ratio of sixteen or more students per  
11 teacher that has had a program in place for at least one school year  
12 and has effectively and consistently used parents and/or volunteers to  
13 assist teachers in the educational instruction of students in grades  
14 kindergarten through three shall be eligible to apply for a grant of up  
15 to one thousand dollars per classroom for the purchase of books or  
16 educational materials to be used directly by students. The grants  
17 shall be awarded annually. This is an enrichment program and not part  
18 of basic education.

1 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules  
2 defining qualifications for the grant and simple application procedures  
3 and award the initial grants by September 1, 1997.

4 (4) Each school that receives a grant for a classroom or classrooms  
5 under subsection (2) of this section shall establish or use an existing  
6 advisory committee to determine how the grant money shall be spent to  
7 benefit the classroom or school. The advisory committee shall include,  
8 but not be limited to, a parent or volunteer, a teacher, and an  
9 administrator from the school receiving the grant.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as  
11 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
12 ending June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the superintendent of  
13 public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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

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