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1 AN ACT Relating to parental and community involvement grants;  
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that strong  
5 parental and community involvement in schools is of vital importance.  
6 When parents and others volunteer in their local schools, student  
7 learning improves and positive relationships are created between the  
8 schools and the broader community.

9 (2) The parental and community involvement grant program is  
10 established. The purpose of the voluntary program is to provide state  
11 support toward efforts in local schools to reach out to potential  
12 volunteers and help provide essential volunteer coordination for  
13 parents and others from the community who are willing to donate their  
14 time and energies in the schools. This is a pilot program, intended to  
15 fund at least one hundred applicants, including schools and school  
16 districts.

17 (3) Schools or school districts applying for funds under the pilot  
18 program in this section shall present a plan to involve parents and

1 community members in strengthening efforts to achieve educational  
2 goals, including the state learning goals outlined in RCW 28A.150.210.

3 (4) Applicants are encouraged to develop program plans that include  
4 a goal of involving forty percent of the parents of students enrolled  
5 in the applicant school for at least fifteen hours each of volunteer  
6 efforts per year at the school.

7 (5) Grant recipients shall report to the office of the  
8 superintendent of public instruction on the results of their program,  
9 how funds have been expended, the activities supported by the program,  
10 the level of parental and community involvement achieved in the school,  
11 and the impact on student learning. The office of the superintendent  
12 of public instruction shall evaluate the results of volunteer  
13 recruitment and coordination efforts under this program.

14 (6) A local match from the applicant school or district is  
15 required, but may be in the form of in-kind contributions from the  
16 school or district or from private sources. The proportion is seventy  
17 percent state and thirty percent local.

18 (7) The maximum state grant is sixteen thousand dollars per school.

19 (8) The program in this section shall be administered by the office  
20 of the superintendent of public instruction in conjunction with  
21 principals' organizations and parent groups. The office of the  
22 superintendent of public instruction shall award grants based on  
23 criteria including, but not limited to, the following:

24 (a) Quality of the plan;

25 (b) Demonstrated needs of students in the schools; and

26 (c) The likelihood of impact on student learning.

27 (9) In awarding grants, the office of the superintendent of public  
28 instruction shall seek to maximize the number of schools and school  
29 districts funded under this program.

30 (10) This section expires June 30, 2001.

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