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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2542**

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**By** House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Keiser, Talcott, Santos, Radcliff and Rockefeller)

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1            AN ACT Relating to alternative educational service providers; and  
2 amending RCW 28A.150.305.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.305 and 1997 c 265 s 6 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) The board of directors of school districts may contract with  
7 alternative educational service providers for eligible students.  
8 Alternative educational service providers that the school district may  
9 contract with include, but are not limited to:

10            (a) Other schools;

11            (b) Alternative education programs not operated by the school  
12 district;

13            (c) Education centers;

14            (d) Skills centers;

15            (e) Dropout prevention programs; or

16            (f) Other public or private organizations, excluding sectarian or  
17 religious organizations.

18            (2) School districts that contract with alternative education  
19 providers as permitted under subsection (1) of this section shall

1 provide to the contractor an amount per contracted student of at least  
2 eighty-five percent of the state general fund moneys generated by that  
3 student under RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260.

4 ~~(3)~~ (3) Eligible students include students who are likely to be  
5 expelled or who are enrolled in the school district but have been  
6 suspended, are academically at risk, or who have been subject to  
7 repeated disciplinary actions due to behavioral problems.

8 ~~((+3))~~ (4) If a school district board of directors chooses to  
9 initiate specialized programs for students at risk of expulsion or who  
10 are failing academically by contracting out with alternative  
11 educational service providers identified in subsection (1) of this  
12 section, the school district board of directors and the organization  
13 must specify the specific learning standards that students are expected  
14 to achieve. Placement of the student shall be jointly determined by  
15 the school district, the student's parent or legal guardian, and the  
16 alternative educational service provider.

17 ~~((+4))~~ (5) For the purpose of this section, the superintendent of  
18 public instruction shall adopt rules for reporting and documenting  
19 enrollment. Students may reenter at the grade level appropriate to the  
20 student's ability. Students who are sixteen years of age or older may  
21 take the GED test.

22 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The board of directors of school districts may require  
23 that students who would otherwise be suspended or expelled attend  
24 schools or programs listed in subsection (1) of this section as a  
25 condition of continued enrollment in the school district.

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