
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5501

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Eide, Bauer and Spanel)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the summer school jump start program; adding a
2 new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that students could
5 get a quick start on the next school year if they had the opportunity
6 to spend time learning during the summer. The legislature further
7 finds that school districts are often only able to provide limited
8 summer school opportunities due to limited resources. The legislature
9 further finds that some students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade
10 face difficult academic challenges during the middle school years and
11 that future academic problems can be prevented through academic help
12 during the summer months.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the summer school jump
16 start program is created to give students a jump start on the next
17 school year.

1 (2) The program shall be designed to provide funds, to the extent
2 funds are appropriated, for eligible school districts to provide summer
3 school programs to students who would be entering grades six, seven, or
4 eight.

5 (3) A school district or group of school districts are eligible for
6 funds if the district or districts:

7 (a) Provide the summer school services in the summer school jump
8 start program to students, who would be entering grades six through
9 eight in the fall, without charge;

10 (b) Provide a minimum of fifty percent of the cost of the summer
11 school program from other funds including but not limited to private
12 donations, contributions from other public entities, or from district
13 sources;

14 (c) Design the summer school jump start program to help students
15 better meet the academic learning standards and learning goals; and

16 (d) Develop and implement a plan to assess the effect of the jump
17 start program on students' achievements in school.

18 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall administer the
19 program and may adopt rules as necessary for the administration of the
20 program.

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