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By Senators Zarelli, Finkbeiner, Oke and Benton

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1            AN ACT Relating to contracts for alternative educational service  
2 providers; and 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 educational, instructional, or specialized services under RCW  
9 28A.320.035. Alternative educational service providers that the school  
10 district may contract with include, but are not limited to:

- 11            (a) Other schools;
- 12            (b) Alternative education programs not operated by the school  
13 district;
- 14            (c) Education centers;
- 15            (d) Skills centers;
- 16            (e) Dropout prevention programs; or
- 17            (f) Other public or private organizations, excluding sectarian or  
18 religious organizations.

1       (2) (~~Eligible students include~~) The contracts may provide  
2 specialized programs or services for any student or group of students.  
3 However, priority will be given to programs and services that serve  
4 students who are likely to be expelled or who are enrolled in the  
5 school district but have been suspended, are academically at risk, or  
6 who have been subject to repeated disciplinary actions due to  
7 behavioral problems.

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

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

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

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