
SENATE BILL 6501

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By Senators Eide, Winsley, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to a middle school after-school youth grant
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 28A.215 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that middle school
6 youth, grades six, seven, and eight, are experiencing remarkable
7 physical and emotional development. These changes often affect how
8 they perform in school and how they relate to parents and others in the
9 community. The legislature finds that adolescents enjoy excitement and
10 activities with peers. The legislature further finds that quality
11 programs organized by responsible adults will promote safety for
12 adolescents and the community.

13 The legislature further finds that there is a lack of affordable,
14 safe, age-appropriate child care opportunities for middle school youth.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.215
16 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a
2 grant program to provide funding for after-school programs for middle
3 school youth. Under the grant program:

4 (a) Public schools and other public, private, and nonprofit
5 organizations may apply for grants to provide after-school programs to
6 youth in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades;

7 (b) Grants may be awarded to provide funding to either supplement
8 existing programs or start new programs;

9 (c) Applicants must provide twenty-five percent matching funds,
10 either money or in-kind;

11 (d) Preference is to be given to providing grants to programs that
12 will:

13 (i) Serve low-income youth;

14 (ii) Serve youth with special needs, including youth with
15 developmental or physical disabilities and youth in individualized
16 educational programs;

17 (iii) Serve economically depressed areas; and

18 (iv) Provide age-appropriate activities for the youth.

19 (2) In administering the grant program, the superintendent of
20 public instruction shall:

21 (a) Establish an advisory board that includes representatives from
22 middle schools, parents of middle school youth, and providers from
23 community-based organizations and is geographically diverse. The
24 advisory board shall review and rate applications prior to selection by
25 the superintendent of public instruction;

26 (b) Develop outcome measures with input from the advisory board and
27 keep track of program impact using developmental assets as performance
28 measures; and

29 (c) Encourage participating organizations to participate in federal
30 food programs.

31 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules
32 under chapter 34.05 RCW setting forth criteria, application procedures,
33 and methods to implement this section.

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