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1 AN ACT Relating to enrollment options for children of certificated
2 employees; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.225.220; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many teachers
6 must live some distance from the schools in which they teach. The
7 legislature also finds that some teachers must juggle the demands of
8 teaching young students, raising young children, and commuting long
9 distances on increasingly congested roads. Many of these teachers are
10 in the beginning phase of their teaching careers, so their salaries are
11 at the lowest steps of the salary schedule. This circumstance
12 complicates the teachers' ability to manage financial obligations such
13 as the repayment of college debts, meeting housing costs, commuting,
14 and paying for child care. The legislature finds that school districts
15 could provide a great boon to these teachers by giving them the option
16 of enrolling their school-age children in the school and school
17 district in which the teacher works. Therefore, the legislature
18 intends to permit the children of teachers to attend school in the
19 school or district where their parent teaches.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.225.220 and 1995 c 335 s 602 and 1995 c 52 s 2 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Any board of directors may make agreements with adults choosing
4 to attend school, and may charge the adults reasonable tuition.

5 (2) A district is strongly encouraged to honor the request of a
6 parent or guardian for his or her child to attend a school in another
7 district or the request of a parent or guardian for his or her child to
8 transfer as a student receiving home-based instruction.

9 (3) A district shall permit children of a certificated employee to
10 attend a school to which the employee is assigned. The district shall
11 also permit a certificated employee to register his or her children
12 either from the employee's home address or from a school to which the
13 employee is assigned.

14 (4) A district shall release a student to a nonresident district
15 that agrees to accept the student if:

16 (a) A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting
17 the student would likely be reasonably improved as a result of the
18 transfer; or

19 (b) Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more
20 accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of child
21 care; or

22 (c) There is a special hardship or detrimental condition.

23 ~~((+4))~~ (5) A district may deny the request of a resident student
24 to transfer to a nonresident district if the release of the student
25 would adversely affect the district's existing desegregation plan.

26 ~~((+5))~~ (6) For the purpose of helping a district assess the
27 quality of its education program, a resident school district may
28 request an optional exit interview or questionnaire with the parents or
29 guardians of a child transferring to another district. No parent or
30 guardian may be forced to attend such an interview or complete the
31 questionnaire.

32 ~~((+6))~~ (7) Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, school
33 districts may not charge transfer fees or tuition for nonresident
34 students enrolled under subsection ~~((+3))~~ (4) of this section and RCW
35 28A.225.225. Reimbursement of a high school district for cost of
36 educating high school pupils of a nonhigh school district shall not be

1 deemed a transfer fee as affecting the apportionment of current state
2 school funds.

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