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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Haigh, Talcott, Keiser, Cox, Schual-Berke, Anderson, Pearson, Quall, Santos, Rockefeller, McDermott, Schindler, Conway, Bush, Dunn and Campbell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to alternative educational service providers;
2 amending RCW 28A.150.305 and 28A.305.170; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) The board of directors of school districts may contract with
8 alternative educational service providers for eligible students.
9 Alternative educational service providers that the school district may
10 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) The Washington national guard youth challenge program;

17 (f) Dropout prevention programs; or

18 ~~((f))~~ (g) Other public or private organizations, excluding
19 sectarian or religious organizations.

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

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

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

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 Basic and nonbasic education funding, including applicable
26 vocational entitlements and special education program money, generated
27 under this chapter and under state appropriations acts shall be
28 allocated directly to the national guard for a national guard youth
29 challenge program for students earning high school graduation credit
30 under RCW 28A.305.170. Funding shall be provided based on statewide
31 average rates for basic education, special education, categorical, and
32 block grant programs as determined by the office of the superintendent
33 of public instruction. The monthly full-time equivalent enrollment
34 reported for students enrolled in the national guard youth challenge
35 program shall be based on one full-time equivalent for every one
36 hundred student hours of scheduled instruction eligible for high school
37 graduation credit, and shall be based on the opening day enrollment
38 information submitted by the program. The office of the superintendent

1 of public instruction, in consultation with the military department,
2 shall adopt such guidelines as are necessary to implement this section.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.305.170 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 262 s 1 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law,
6 the state board of education shall adopt rules ((and regulations))
7 governing and authorizing the acceptance of national guard high school
8 career training and the national guard youth challenge program in lieu
9 of either required high school credits or elective high school credits.

10 (2) With the exception of students enrolled in the national guard
11 youth challenge program, students enrolled in such national guard
12 programs shall be considered enrolled in the common school last
13 attended preceding enrollment in such national guard program.

14 (3) The board shall adopt rules to ensure that students who
15 successfully complete the national guard youth challenge program are
16 granted an appropriate number of high school credits, based on the
17 students' levels of academic proficiency as measured by the program.

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