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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature finds that alternative learning experience
6 programs are an important public education option available to students
7 and families seeking nontraditional learning environments. The
8 legislature further finds that these public alternative learning
9 experience programs are often confused with home-based instruction
10 under chapter 28A.200 RCW. It is the intent of the legislature to
11 authorize alternative learning experience programs that are separate
12 and distinct from home-based instruction.

13 (2) The board of directors of a school district may operate
14 alternative learning experience programs for eligible full-time
15 students, or eligible part-time students who meet the provisions of RCW
16 28A.150.350. The board of directors may also provide such programs
17 through contract to the extent permitted under RCW 28A.150.305. The
18 board of directors of a school district claiming state funding for
19 alternative learning experiences shall adopt and periodically review
20 written policies for such programs. The alternative learning
21 experience programs:

22 (a) Must address the diverse needs of students for courses of study
23 provided in nontraditional learning environments;

24 (b) Must be supervised by certificated staff, who may be employed
25 either by the school district or by a contractor selected by the school
26 district;

27 (c) Must provide each student with direct personal contact at least
28 weekly with certificated staff designated by either the school district
29 or by the contractor with the approval of the school district. Direct
30 personal contact is for the purposes of instruction, assignment review,

1 testing, evaluation of student progress, or other learning activities.
2 Direct personal contact may include the use of telephone, e-mail,
3 interactive computer, or interactive video communication;

4 (d) Must provide each student with an individualized written
5 student learning plan developed with the assistance of and monitored by
6 certificated staff or, for a student enrolled in an on-line learning
7 program, a description of course objectives monitored by certificated
8 staff;

9 (e) Must assess the educational progress of enrolled students at
10 least annually, using, for full-time students, the state assessment
11 provided for the student's grade level, and using any other annual
12 assessments required by the school district. Part-time students must
13 also be assessed at least annually. Part-time students who are either
14 receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW or who are
15 enrolled in private schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW are not required
16 to participate in the assessments required under RCW 28A.655.060;

17 (f) May include significant participation by students, parents, and
18 families in the design and implementation of a student's learning
19 experience; and

20 (g) May provide individualized courses of study for students.

21 (3) Each school district shall have a duty to advise each parent or
22 guardian interested in education alternatives of the differences
23 between different types of enrollment status. The information shall be
24 provided in writing and shall include a description of the difference
25 between home-based education under chapter 28A.200 RCW and all forms of
26 alternative education provided for by law or rule, and the different
27 impacts on home-based education status of enrolling full time and part
28 time.

29 (4) Upon enrollment in an alternative learning experience program,
30 each parent or guardian shall be provided documentation explaining
31 enrollment options including a description of the difference between
32 home-based education under chapter 28A.200 RCW and all forms of
33 alternative education provided for by law or rule. Such documentation
34 shall be signed by the parent or guardian and retained by the school
35 district and available for audit.

36 (5) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall

1 adopt rules for the implementation of this section, including program
2 implementation standards and enrollment documentation and reporting:

3 (a) Each school district shall receive apportionment generated in
4 accordance with this chapter based upon the student FTE enrollment
5 reported for this program.

6 (b) Enrollment shall be determined based upon the learning
7 activities specified in the learning plan or course objectives as
8 supervised by certificated staff.

9 (c) Enrollment of part-time students shall be subject to the
10 provisions of RCW 28A.150.350, and shall only generate the prorata
11 share of full-time funding."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
14 28A.150 RCW."

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