

**SB 6256 - DIGEST**

Finds that good after-school programs and activities provide safe and effective learning environments for children, including children who might otherwise be alone and unsupervised after school. These programs not only support children's academic efforts, they also build community partnerships that support children and their learning.

Finds that, at the request of the legislature, the Washington after-school network has prepared a statewide after-school plan that would help the state make strategic investments in programs and activities that support children academically while keeping them safe and well-supervised. Therefore, the legislature intends to implement the plan by expanding high quality after-school programs, supporting professional development for after-school program staff, increasing public awareness of program benefits, and supporting the after-school organizational infrastructure to ensure economies of scale in support of after-school programs.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction to carry out the purposes of this act.