

HB 2904 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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

3 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 43.06B.020 and 2008 c 165 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The education ombudsman shall have the following powers and duties:

6 (1) To develop parental involvement materials, including
7 instructional guides developed to inform parents of the essential
8 academic learning requirements required by the superintendent of public
9 instruction. The instructional guides also shall contain actions
10 parents may take to assist their children in meeting the requirements,
11 and should focus on reaching parents who have not previously been
12 involved with their children's education;

13 (2) To provide information to students, parents, and interested
14 members of the public regarding this state's public elementary and
15 secondary education system;

16 (3) To identify obstacles to greater parent and community
17 involvement in school shared decision-making processes and recommend
18 strategies for helping parents and community members to participate
19 effectively in school shared decision-making processes, including
20 understanding and respecting the roles of school building
21 administrators and staff;

22 (4) To identify and recommend strategies for improving the success
23 rates of ethnic and racial student groups and students with
24 disabilities, with disproportionate academic achievement;

25 (5) To refer complainants and others to appropriate resources,
26 agencies, or departments;

27 (6) To facilitate the resolution of complaints made by parents and
28 students with regard to the state's public elementary and secondary
29 education system;

1 (7) To perform such other functions consistent with the purpose of
2 the education ombudsman; (~~and~~)

3 (8) To actively seek and accept public and private money and
4 develop private-public partnerships to support the purposes of the
5 office;

6 (9) To report annually to the fiscal and education policy
7 committees of the legislature, revenues by source, and expenditures;
8 and

9 (10) To consult with representatives of the following organizations
10 and groups regarding the work of the office of the education ombudsman,
11 including but not limited to:

12 (a) The state parent teacher association;

13 (b) Certificated and classified school employees;

14 (c) School and school district administrators;

15 (d) Parents of special education students;

16 (e) Parents of English language learners;

17 (f) The Washington state commission on Hispanic affairs;

18 (g) The Washington state commission on African-American affairs;

19 (h) The Washington state commission on Asian Pacific American
20 affairs; and

21 (i) The governor's office of Indian affairs.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.06B RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 The office of the education ombudsman account is hereby created in
25 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from gifts from the
26 private sector, federal funds, and any appropriations made by the
27 legislature or other sources must be deposited into the account. Only
28 the director of the office or the director's designee may authorize
29 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
30 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
31 required for expenditures."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "ombudsman;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.06B.020; and adding
3 a new section to chapter 43.06B RCW."

EFFECT: Removes language that allowed the OEO to spend any gifts, grants, or endowments from any source "according to their terms." Creates an OEO account in which the gifts, grants, or endowments must be deposited and from which only the OEO director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures. Requires the OEO to annually report to the Legislature revenues, by source, and expenditures.

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