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By Senators Kauffman and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility requirements for the early childhood
2 education and assistance program; and amending RCW 43.215.405.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.405 and 2006 c 265 s 210 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout RCW 43.215.400 through 43.215.450 and
8 43.215.900 through 43.215.903.

9 (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee under RCW
10 43.215.420.

11 (2) "Department" means the department of early learning.

12 (3) "Eligible child" means a child not eligible for kindergarten
13 whose family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the
14 federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal department
15 of health and human services, and includes a child whose family is
16 eligible for public assistance, and who is not a participant in a
17 federal or state program providing comprehensive services; a child with
18 disabilities who qualifies for funds in accordance with part B of the
19 federal individuals with disabilities education act and any other

1 federal or state laws relating to the provision of special education
2 services; and may include children who are eligible under rules adopted
3 by the department if the number of such children equals not more than
4 ten percent of the total enrollment in the early childhood program.
5 Priority for enrollment shall be given to children from families with
6 the lowest income, children in foster care, or to eligible children
7 from families with multiple needs.

8 (4) "Approved programs" means those state-supported education and
9 special assistance programs which are recognized by the department as
10 meeting the minimum program rules adopted by the department to qualify
11 under RCW 43.215.400 through 43.215.450 and 43.215.900 through
12 43.215.903 and are designated as eligible for funding by the department
13 under RCW 43.215.430 and 43.215.440.

14 (5) "Comprehensive" means an assistance program that focuses on the
15 needs of the child and includes education, health, and family support
16 services.

17 (6) "Family support services" means providing opportunities for
18 parents to:

- 19 (a) Actively participate in their child's early childhood program;
- 20 (b) Increase their knowledge of child development and parenting
21 skills;
- 22 (c) Further their education and training;
- 23 (d) Increase their ability to use needed services in the community;
- 24 (e) Increase their self-reliance.

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