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Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to dropout prevention, intervention, and  
2 reengagement activities by educational service districts; amending RCW  
3 28A.310.350 and 28A.230.125; adding a new section to chapter 28A.175  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; and creating a new  
5 section.

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

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that educational  
8 service districts are uniquely positioned to play an important role in  
9 convening school districts and other partners to develop and deliver  
10 dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement services throughout  
11 their region. The legislature intends that these activities be  
12 considered a basic core service for all educational service districts.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.175  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15            In fulfillment of their mission under RCW 28A.310.340 to assist in  
16 providing pupils with equal educational opportunities, each educational  
17 service district must, as a basic core service:

1 (1) Coordinate and convene school, family, and community  
2 partnerships to develop and implement comprehensive K-12 dropout  
3 prevention, intervention, and reengagement systems as defined under RCW  
4 28A.175.074;

5 (2) Facilitate and assist local partnerships in using dropout  
6 prevention, intervention, and reengagement system assessment tools; and

7 (3) Develop dropout reengagement programs to be offered under  
8 contract with school districts as provided under RCW 28A.175.100  
9 through 28A.175.110.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.310.350 and 2007 c 402 s 8 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 The basic core services and cost upon which educational service  
13 districts are budgeted shall include, but not be limited to, the  
14 following:

15 (1) Educational service district administration and facilities such  
16 as office space, maintenance, and utilities;

17 (2) Cooperative administrative services such as assistance in  
18 carrying out procedures to abolish sex and race bias in school  
19 programs, fiscal services, grants management services, special  
20 education services, and transportation services;

21 (3) Personnel services such as certification/registration services;

22 (4) Learning resource services such as audiovisual aids;

23 (5) Cooperative curriculum services such as health promotion and  
24 health education services, in-service training, workshops, and  
25 assessment;

26 (6) Professional development services identified by statute or the  
27 omnibus appropriations act; (~~and~~)

28 (7) Special needs of local education agencies; and

29 (8) Dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement services  
30 under section 2 of this act.

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.230.125 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 130 are each  
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (1) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with  
34 the four-year institutions as defined in RCW 28B.76.020, the state  
35 board for community and technical colleges, and the workforce training  
36 and education coordinating board, shall develop for use by all public

1 school districts and educational service districts under section 5 of  
2 this act a standardized high school transcript. The superintendent  
3 shall establish clear definitions for the terms "credits" and "hours"  
4 so that school programs operating on the quarter, semester, or  
5 trimester system can be compared.

6 (2) The standardized high school transcript shall include a  
7 notation of whether the student has earned a certificate of individual  
8 achievement or a certificate of academic achievement.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28A.310  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 An educational service district that offers a dropout reengagement  
12 program under contract with one or more school districts as provided  
13 under RCW 28A.175.100 through 28A.175.110 may award high school credit  
14 to students who successfully complete courses eligible for credit under  
15 the program, based on the standards for award of credit adopted by the  
16 state board of education, to be recorded using the standardized high  
17 school transcript under RCW 28A.230.125.

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