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1 AN ACT Relating to equipment assistance grants to enhance student
2 nutrition in public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.235
3 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the apple
6 a day act of 2014.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds healthy eating in
8 childhood and adolescence is important for optimal growth and
9 development. The legislature further finds that states are facing a
10 nutrition crisis that is unprecedented. Childhood obesity and diabetes
11 are serious public health concerns. The legislature further finds that
12 healthy lifestyle habits, including healthy eating and physical
13 activity, can lower the risk of becoming obese and developing diabetes
14 and other related diseases. The legislature further finds that public
15 schools are in a unique position to promote healthy eating, ensure
16 appropriate food and nutrient intake among students, provide students
17 with opportunities to access an array of healthy Washington grown foods
18 throughout the school day, and enable students to learn about and

1 practice healthy eating behaviors. The legislature further finds that
2 many schools across the state lack the necessary equipment and kitchen
3 infrastructure required to support the storage, preparation, and
4 service of minimally processed and whole foods. Therefore, it is the
5 intent of the legislature to establish a competitive equipment
6 assistance grant program for public schools to improve the quality of
7 food service meals that meet federal dietary guidelines, increase the
8 consumption of whole foods, increase awareness of local agriculture,
9 and support the use of modified scratch, from scratch, or other cooking
10 methods that enhance overall student nutrition.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) A competitive equipment assistance grant program, to be known
14 as the apple a day program, is established to enhance overall student
15 nutrition in public schools.

16 (2) The superintendent of public instruction must establish a
17 competitive process to prioritize applications for state assistance as
18 follows:

19 (a) The superintendent of public instruction must conduct a
20 statewide solicitation of project applications from public school
21 districts for common schools and public schools participating in the
22 national school breakfast or the national school lunch program, as
23 determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

24 (b) The superintendent of public instruction must evaluate and rank
25 applications in consultation with an advisory committee of at least
26 three members of selected organizations concerned with child nutrition,
27 including one Washington school nutrition association representative
28 and one representative from east of the crest of the Cascade mountains,
29 using objective criteria.

30 (c) The superintendent of public instruction must require
31 applicants to demonstrate, at a minimum, the following:

32 (i) Use of the proposed equipment will enhance nutrition and
33 improve student access to healthier foods. Applicants must submit
34 current school menus and proposed menus using the requested equipment;
35 and

36 (ii) Healthy eating and physical activity are actively promoted to
37 students, parents, teachers, and the community.

1 (3) In evaluating and ranking applications, the superintendent of
2 public instruction shall give funding priority to:

3 (a) Public schools in which at least fifty percent of the students
4 are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals;

5 (b) Project applications in which equipment purchases will affect
6 menu changes throughout an entire grade group or school district;

7 (c) Project applications that provide a dollar-for-dollar match
8 from nonstate sources. Nonstate match may include cash and in-kind
9 contributions, and may be applied to the equipment purchase, labor
10 costs associated with equipment installation or renovation, disposal of
11 old equipment, minor capital improvements required to accommodate the
12 equipment, and staff training costs;

13 (d) Public schools that can demonstrate nutrition is integrated
14 into core curriculum areas such as math, science, language arts, and
15 physical education, and serving healthy Washington grown food is
16 incorporated into the schools wellness policy;

17 (e) Public schools that are engaged in farm to school efforts and
18 support Washington farmers by purchasing Washington grown food when
19 available.

20 (4) For purposes of this section, "equipment" means articles of
21 nonexpendable, tangible personal property with a useful life of at
22 least thirteen years and a per unit acquisition cost of one thousand
23 dollars and may include the purchase of new equipment, renovation of
24 equipment, or replacement of equipment. Minor capital improvements
25 required to accommodate the installation of equipment may also be
26 eligible for state assistance.

27 (5) In consultation with the advisory committee, the superintendent
28 of public instruction must develop and track specific, quantifiable
29 outcome measures for the grant program. A preliminary report on the
30 outcome measures selected for the program must be submitted to the
31 legislature by January 1, 2015, and a final report on program outcomes
32 by January 1, 2016.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
34 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
35 June 30, 2014, in the omnibus capital appropriations act, this act is

1 null and void.

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