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SENATE BILL 6535

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By Senator Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to the provision of evidence-based supports for  
2 struggling students by community-based organizations; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; creating a new section; and making an  
4 appropriation.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there are  
7 community-based programs designed to deliver evidence-based supports to  
8 struggling students who are at risk of chronic absenteeism and low  
9 literacy rates, and who may ultimately drop out of school. The  
10 legislature further finds that state resources should be provided to  
11 such community-based organizations to empower students to stay in  
12 school and achieve in life. The legislature intends to provide funding  
13 to these programs to leverage success for students.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) Subject to funds being provided for this specific purpose, the  
17 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall contract with  
18 the state-level office of a nonprofit community-based organization with

1 local affiliates in Washington communities to increase the support for  
2 and coordination of evidence-based services provided by the local  
3 affiliates to assist struggling students.

4 (2) As part of the contract to receive state funds, the local  
5 affiliates and state-level office shall annually collect and report  
6 student outcome data as required by the office of the superintendent of  
7 public instruction.

8 (3) Beginning December 1, 2014, and by December 1st every even-  
9 numbered year thereafter, the office of the superintendent of public  
10 instruction shall analyze by individual school year the data provided  
11 under subsection (2) of this section to determine if the state funding  
12 is resulting in improved student outcomes and submit a report to the  
13 governor and the legislative education committees with the analysis.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much  
15 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending  
16 June 30, 2015, from the state general fund to the office of the  
17 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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