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1 On page 11, after line 37, insert the following:

2 "PART V

3 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** The legislature finds that the
5 Washington state institute for public policy reported that content-
6 specific professional development is much more effective than general
7 training. The goal of the legislature is to provide a sufficient
8 number of professional learning days necessary to meet the needs in
9 Washington's schools and to designate the professional learning days
10 to be part of basic education.

11 **Sec. 502.** RCW 28A.150.200 and 2009 c 548 s 101 are each amended
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The program of basic education established under this chapter
14 is deemed by the legislature to comply with the requirements of
15 Article IX, section 1 of the state Constitution, which states that
16 "It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for
17 the education of all children residing within its borders, without
18 distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex,"
19 and is adopted pursuant to Article IX, section 2 of the state
20 Constitution, which states that "The legislature shall provide for a
21 general and uniform system of public schools."

22 (2) The legislature defines the program of basic education under
23 this chapter as that which is necessary to provide the opportunity to
24 develop the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the state-
25 established high school graduation requirements that are intended to
26 allow students to have the opportunity to graduate with a meaningful
27 diploma that prepares them for postsecondary education, gainful
28 employment, and citizenship. Basic education by necessity is an
29 evolving program of instruction intended to reflect the changing

1 educational opportunities that are needed to equip students for their
2 role as productive citizens and includes the following:

3 (a) The instructional program of basic education the minimum
4 components of which are described in RCW 28A.150.220;

5 (b) The program of education provided by chapter 28A.190 RCW for
6 students in residential schools as defined by RCW 28A.190.020 and for
7 juveniles in detention facilities as identified by RCW 28A.190.010;

8 (c) The program of education provided by chapter 28A.193 RCW for
9 individuals under the age of eighteen who are incarcerated in adult
10 correctional facilities; ((and))

11 (d) Transportation and transportation services to and from school
12 for eligible students as provided under RCW 28A.160.150 through
13 28A.160.180; and

14 (e) Professional learning days as provided under section 503 of
15 this act.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 503. A new section is added to chapter
17 28A.150 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose:

19 (a) Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the legislature shall
20 annually provide additional time and resources for high quality,
21 content-specific, professional learning days for each state-funded
22 certificated instructional staff, paraeducator, and school building-
23 based administrator to increase knowledge and skills in the areas of
24 current and future educational reforms. The minimum funding for a
25 professional learning day must be equivalent to the aggregate amount
26 provided for the state-funded salaries for each certificated
27 instructional staff, paraeducator, and school-based administrator in
28 the school district for one full school day. School districts must be
29 required to expend the funds on professional learning activities but
30 the learning is not required to be accomplished in one full school
31 day and it may be organized in whatever time blocks the district
32 chooses so long as the total time equates to one full school day. The
33 learning improvement day must take place outside of the minimum one
34 hundred eighty-day school calendar.

35 (b) For the 2016-17 school year, the funds provided for a
36 professional learning day must be used for professional development
37 that addresses either the school district or individual building
38 goals.

1 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to
2 implement this section.

3 (3) The funding provided under this section shall be deemed to be
4 part of the legislature's definition of basic education under Article
5 IX of the state Constitution."

6 Renumber the remaining part and sections consecutively and
7 correct any internal references accordingly.

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8 On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "28A.660.050," strike "and
9 28A.410.250" and insert "28A.410.250, and 28A.150.200"

10 On page 1, line 6 of the title, after "RCW;" insert "adding a new
11 section to chapter 28A.150 RCW;"

EFFECT: Requires the legislature to provide additional time and
resources for professional learning days for each state-funded
certificated instructional staff, paraeducator, and school building-
based administrator.

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