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SENATE BILL 5303

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By Senators Litzow, Frockt, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Benton

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1            AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington academic, innovation,  
2 and mentoring program; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW;  
3 and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) The Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring program is  
8 established.

9            (2) The purpose of the program is to enable eligible neighborhood  
10 youth development entities to provide out-of-school time programs for  
11 youth ages six to eighteen years of age that include educational  
12 services, mentoring and linkages to positive, prosocial leisure, and  
13 recreational activities. The programs must be designed for mentoring  
14 and academic enrichment that include at least two of the following  
15 three activity areas:

- 16            (a) Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM);  
17            (b) Homework support and high-yield learning opportunities; and  
18            (c) Career exploration.

19            (3) The goal of the Washington academic, innovation, and  
20 mentoring program is to provide the program in a minimum of fifty  
21 communities statewide.

1 (4) Each entity receiving funds to implement the program must  
2 report to the department on the number of youth served, the types of  
3 services, and the outcome of those services.

4 (5) The department shall administer the Washington academic,  
5 innovation, and mentoring program. Sixty percent or more of the  
6 participants must qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch. No more  
7 than four percent of the funding provided for the program may be used  
8 for administrative purposes.

9 (6) As used in this section, "eligible neighborhood youth  
10 development entity" means an entity that is exempt from taxation  
11 under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501 (c)(3) of the federal internal revenue  
12 code of 1986, as amended, as of the effective date of this section,  
13 that is affiliated and in good standing with a national  
14 congressionally chartered organization's standards under 36 U.S.C.,  
15 Subtitle II, Part B, and that:

16 (a) Is facility-based and provides proven and tested  
17 recreational, educational, and character building programs for  
18 children ages six to eighteen years of age;

19 (b) Provides after school and summer programs in a minimum of  
20 fifty communities statewide, with youth development services  
21 available at least twenty hours weekly during the school year, and  
22 for thirty hours weekly during summer programming;

23 (c) Has adopted standards for care that at a minimum include  
24 staff ratios, staff training, health and safety standards, and  
25 mechanisms for assessing and enforcing the program's compliance with  
26 the standards;

27 (d) Provides a process to receive and resolve parental  
28 complaints; and

29 (e) Conducts national criminal background checks for all  
30 employees and volunteers who work with children.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the  
32 Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring (AIM) program act.

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