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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5657**

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**State of Washington**

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**2015 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet, Litzow, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Keiser, Habib, and Conway)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/15.

1       AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot program to encourage school  
2 districts to extend the school day to provide homework assistance to  
3 middle schools; creating new sections; making appropriations; and  
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that expanded  
7 learning opportunities models provide academic and other learning  
8 supports to students outside of regular operating school-day hours  
9 and often supplement in-school learning. The legislature finds that  
10 providing an additional hour at the end of each school day for middle  
11 school students to work on homework assignments with a teacher  
12 available to answer questions can provide helpful academic assistance  
13 to students that will result in a reduction in the student dropout  
14 rate. The legislature further finds that this can be done by  
15 providing a cadre of teachers who take turns providing this  
16 assistance to the students. The legislature intends to create a pilot  
17 program to encourage school districts to use state investments to  
18 extend the school day at middle schools to provide homework  
19 assistance to students.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1)(a) Subject to funds provided for this  
2 specific purpose, a pilot program is established to encourage school  
3 districts to provide middle school students expanded learning  
4 opportunities by extending the school day one hour beyond the regular  
5 school day of the school district during the 2015-16 and 2016-17  
6 school years for the purpose of providing homework assistance to  
7 students. Funding shall be provided for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17  
8 school years;

9        (b) The funding must be used to provide a cadre of teachers who  
10 take turns providing homework assistance to students at the end of  
11 the regular school day. Teachers providing instruction during the  
12 extended-day time shall be paid at an hourly rate using a  
13 supplemental contract as authorized under RCW 28A.400.200(4); and

14        (c) Funding received under this section may also be used for  
15 transportation to and from school for students participating in the  
16 extended school day.

17        (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
18 create a competitive grant process to award the funding provided  
19 under this section.

20        (3) In accordance with RCW 28A.630.124, the expanded learning  
21 opportunities council shall monitor the progress of the pilot program  
22 created by this section, oversee an evaluation of the effectiveness  
23 of the program in improving student academic progress, and report to  
24 the governor and the legislature in its 2017 annual report.

25        (4) This section expires July 1, 2018.

26        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
27 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, from the general fund to the  
29 office of the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes  
30 of this act.

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