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1 AN ACT Relating to expanded learning opportunities; amending RCW
2 28A.630.121, 28A.630.122, 28A.630.123, 28A.630.124, and 28A.300.130;
3 adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; recodifying RCW
4 28A.630.121, 28A.630.122, 28A.630.123, and 28A.630.124; repealing RCW
5 28A.630.125, 28A.630.126, 28A.630.127, and 28A.630.129; and repealing
6 2015 c 163 s 2 (uncodified).

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.630.121 and 2014 c 219 s 1 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The legislature finds that studies have documented that many
11 students experience learning losses when they do not engage in
12 educational activities during the summer. The legislature further
13 finds that research shows that summer learning loss contributes to
14 educational opportunity gaps between students, and that falling
15 behind in academics can be a predictor of whether a student will drop
16 out of school. The legislature recognizes that such academic
17 regression has a disproportionate impact on low-income students.

18 (2) The legislature further finds that expanded learning
19 opportunities, including those offered by partnerships between
20 schools and community-based organizations, create enriching
21 experiences for youth, with activities that complement and support

1 classroom-based instruction. The legislature acknowledges that access
2 to quality expanded learning opportunities during the school year and
3 summer helps mitigate summer learning loss and improves academic
4 performance, attendance, on-time grade advancement, and classroom
5 behaviors.

6 (3) Therefore the legislature intends to build capacity, identify
7 best practices, leverage local resources, and promote a sustainable
8 expanded learning opportunities system by providing an infrastructure
9 that helps coordinate expanded learning opportunities throughout the
10 state. (~~To the extent funds are provided for this purpose, the~~
11 ~~legislature also intends to authorize a pilot program specifically to~~
12 ~~combat summer learning loss through expanded learning opportunities,~~
13 ~~which will provide the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of~~
14 ~~an extended school year in improving student achievement, closing the~~
15 ~~educational opportunity gap, and providing successful models for~~
16 ~~other districts to follow.))~~

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.630.122 and 2014 c 219 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 As used in this section and RCW 28A.630.121, 28A.630.123
20 (~~through 28A.630.127~~), and 28A.630.124 (as recodified by this act),
21 "expanded learning opportunities" means:

22 (1) Culturally responsive enrichment and learning activities,
23 which may focus on academic and nonacademic areas; the arts; civic
24 engagement; service-learning; science, technology, engineering, and
25 mathematics; and competencies for college and career readiness;

26 (2) School-based programs that provide extended learning and
27 enrichment for students beyond the traditional school day, week, or
28 calendar; and

29 (3) Structured, intentional, and creative learning environments
30 outside the traditional school day that are provided by community-
31 based organizations in partnership with schools and align in-school
32 and out-of-school learning through activities that complement
33 classroom-based instruction.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.630.123 and 2015 c 163 s 1 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) The expanded learning opportunities advisory council is
37 (~~established~~) reconstituted within the center for the improvement
38 of student learning established in RCW 28A.300.130 to advise the

1 governor, the legislature, and the superintendent of public
2 instruction regarding a comprehensive expanded learning opportunities
3 system, with particular attention paid to solutions to summer
4 learning loss.

5 (2) The advisory council shall provide a vision, guidance,
6 assistance, and advice related to potential improvement and expansion
7 of summer learning opportunities, school year calendar modifications
8 that will help reduce summer learning loss, increasing partnerships
9 between schools and community-based organizations to deliver expanded
10 learning opportunities, and other current or proposed programs and
11 initiatives across the spectrum of early elementary through secondary
12 education that could contribute to a statewide system of expanded
13 learning opportunities.

14 (3) The advisory council shall:

15 (a) Identify fiscal, resource, and partnership opportunities,
16 including identifying funding opportunities under the federal every
17 student succeeds act of 2015 (129 Stat. 1802; 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301
18 note), and identifying funding partnership opportunities with
19 community-based organizations;

20 (b) Coordinate policy development;

21 (c) Set quality standards;

22 (d) Promote evidence-based strategies; ((and))

23 (e) As appropriate, work collaboratively with other entities,
24 including the educational opportunity gap oversight and
25 accountability committee established in RCW 28A.300.136 and the
26 integrated student supports work group;

27 (f) Develop a comprehensive action plan designed to implement
28 expanded learning opportunities, address summer learning loss,
29 provide academic supports, build strong partnerships between schools
30 and community-based organizations, and track performance of expanded
31 learning opportunities in closing the opportunity gap; and

32 (g) Prepare annual reports as required by RCW 28A.630.124 (as
33 recodified by this act).

34 (4) When making recommendations regarding evidence-based
35 strategies, the advisory council shall consider the best practices on
36 the state menus developed in accordance with RCW 28A.165.035 and
37 28A.655.235.

38 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall ~~((convene the~~
39 ~~expanded learning opportunities))~~ appoint members to the advisory
40 council. The members of the advisory council must have experience

1 with expanded learning opportunities and include groups and agencies
2 representing diverse student interests and geographical locations
3 across the state. Other participants, agencies, organizations, or
4 individuals may be invited to participate in the advisory council,
5 but the membership (~~(shall)~~) must include the following:

6 (a) Three representatives from nonprofit community-based
7 organizations;

8 (b) One representative from regional workforce development
9 councils;

10 (c) One representative from each of the following organizations
11 or agencies:

12 (i) The Washington state school directors' association;

13 (ii) The state-level association of school administrators;

14 (iii) The state-level association of school principals;

15 (iv) The state board of education;

16 (v) The statewide association representing certificated classroom
17 teachers and educational staff associates;

18 (vi) The office of the superintendent of public instruction;

19 (vii) The state-level parent-teacher association;

20 (viii) Higher education;

21 (ix) The statewide association of public libraries;

22 (x) A person selected by the office of the superintendent of
23 public instruction to represent low-income communities or communities
24 of color;

25 (xi) A person selected by the educational opportunity gap
26 oversight and accountability committee; (~~and~~)

27 (xii) A nonprofit organization with statewide experience in
28 expanded learning opportunities frameworks; and

29 (xiii) The department of children, youth, and families.

30 (6) Staff support for the (~~expanded learning opportunity~~)
31 advisory council shall be provided by the office of the
32 superintendent of public instruction and other state agencies as
33 necessary. (~~Appointees~~)

34 (7) Members of the advisory council (~~(shall be selected by May~~
35 30, 2014. The council shall hold its first meeting before August 1,
36 2014. At the first meeting, the council)) serving or appointed on or
37 after July 1, 2018, shall serve three-year terms and may serve no
38 more than two consecutive terms. The advisory council shall elect a
39 chair and vice chair from among its membership and shall determine
40 regularly scheduled meeting times and locations.

1 (8) Members of the advisory council shall serve without
2 compensation but must be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
3 43.03.060.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.630.124 and 2014 c 219 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The expanded learning opportunities advisory council shall
7 provide a report to the governor and the legislature by December 1,
8 2014, and each December 1st thereafter (~~until December 1, 2018,~~)
9 that summarizes accomplishments of the advisory council, measures
10 progress, and contains recommendations regarding continued
11 development of an expanded learning opportunities system and reducing
12 summer learning loss. The report provided to the governor and the
13 legislature on December 1, 2018, must include a review of the
14 Washington community learning center program established in RCW
15 28A.215.060. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the
16 Washington community learning center program properly and effectively
17 aligns with the duties and objectives of the advisory council. In
18 completing the review, the advisory council shall make any necessary
19 recommendations for better aligning the Washington community learning
20 center program provisions with the duties and objectives of the
21 advisory council.

22 (2) If funds are appropriated for (~~a summer knowledge~~
23 ~~improvement pilot program as provided under RCW 28A.630.125 through~~
24 ~~28A.630.127 or other~~) initiatives to reduce summer learning loss or
25 increase expanded learning opportunities, the expanded learning
26 opportunities advisory council shall monitor the progress of the
27 program or initiative and serve as a resource for participating
28 schools and community-based organizations. The advisory council shall
29 also oversee an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program or
30 initiative in reducing summer learning loss and improving student
31 academic progress.

32 (3) If new funds are not appropriated for (~~a summer knowledge~~
33 ~~improvement pilot program or other~~) initiatives to reduce summer
34 learning loss, (~~the first report from the council, and any~~
35 ~~subsequent~~) reports from the advisory council, as necessary, shall
36 include recommendations for a framework and action plan for a program
37 to reduce summer learning loss through the provision of state funds
38 for additional student learning days in elementary schools with
39 significant populations of low-income students. The advisory council

1 may also recommend additional strategies to reduce summer learning
2 loss, including through expanded learning opportunities offered in
3 partnership between schools and community-based organizations.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.300.130 and 2016 c 72 s 804 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) To facilitate access to information and materials on
7 educational improvement and research, the superintendent of public
8 instruction, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
9 this specific purpose, shall establish the center for the improvement
10 of student learning. The center shall work in conjunction with
11 parents, educational service districts, institutions of higher
12 education, and education, parent, community, and business
13 organizations.

14 (2) The center, subject to the availability of amounts
15 appropriated for this specific purpose, and in conjunction with other
16 staff in the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
17 shall:

18 (a) Serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding successful
19 educational improvement and parental involvement programs in schools
20 and districts, and information about efforts within institutions of
21 higher education in the state to support educational improvement
22 initiatives in Washington schools and districts;

23 (b) Provide best practices research that can be used to help
24 schools develop and implement: Programs and practices to improve
25 instruction; systems to analyze student assessment data, with an
26 emphasis on systems that will combine the use of state and local data
27 to monitor the academic progress of each and every student in the
28 school district; comprehensive, school-wide improvement plans;
29 school-based shared decision-making models; programs to promote
30 lifelong learning and community involvement in education; school-to-
31 work transition programs; programs to meet the needs of highly
32 capable students; programs and practices to meet the needs of
33 students with disabilities; programs and practices to meet the
34 diverse needs of students based on gender, racial, ethnic, economic,
35 and special needs status; research, information, and technology
36 systems; and other programs and practices that will assist educators
37 in helping students learn the essential academic learning
38 requirements;

1 (c) Develop and maintain an internet web site to increase the
2 availability of information, research, and other materials;

3 (d) Work with appropriate organizations to inform teachers,
4 district and school administrators, and school directors about the
5 waivers available and the broadened school board powers under RCW
6 28A.320.015;

7 (e) Provide training and consultation services, including
8 conducting regional summer institutes;

9 (f) Identify strategies for improving the success rates of ethnic
10 and racial student groups and students with disabilities, with
11 disproportionate academic achievement;

12 (g) Work with parents, teachers, and school districts in
13 establishing a model absentee notification procedure that will
14 properly notify parents when their student has not attended a class
15 or has missed a school day. The office of the superintendent of
16 public instruction shall consider various types of communication with
17 parents including, but not limited to, email, phone, and postal mail;
18 ((and))

19 (h) Provide administrative and technical support to the expanded
20 learning opportunities advisory council established in RCW
21 28A.630.123 (as recodified by this act); and

22 (i) Perform other functions consistent with the purpose of the
23 center as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

24 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall select and
25 employ a director for the center.

26 (4) The superintendent may enter into contracts with individuals
27 or organizations including but not limited to: School districts;
28 educational service districts; educational organizations; teachers;
29 higher education faculty; institutions of higher education; state
30 agencies; business or community-based organizations; and other
31 individuals and organizations to accomplish the duties and
32 responsibilities of the center. In carrying out the duties and
33 responsibilities of the center, the superintendent, whenever
34 possible, shall use practitioners to assist agency staff as well as
35 assist educators and others in schools and districts.

36 (5) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
37 report to the legislature by September 1, 2007, and thereafter
38 biennially, regarding the effectiveness of the center for the
39 improvement of student learning, how the services provided by the
40 center for the improvement of student learning have been used and by

1 whom, and recommendations to improve the accessibility and
2 application of knowledge and information that leads to improved
3 student learning and greater family and community involvement in the
4 public education system.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are
6 each repealed:

7 (1) RCW 28A.630.125 (Summer knowledge improvement pilot program)
8 and 2014 c 219 s 5;

9 (2) RCW 28A.630.126 (Applications for participation in the summer
10 knowledge improvement pilot program—"Eligible schools"—Plan
11 requirements) and 2014 c 219 s 6;

12 (3) RCW 28A.630.127 (Plan review and selection—Criteria) and 2014
13 c 219 s 7;

14 (4) RCW 28A.630.129 (Expiration date—2014 c 219) and 2014 c 219 s
15 9; and

16 (5) 2015 c 163 s 2 (uncodified).

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 28A.630.121, 28A.630.122, 28A.630.123,
18 and 28A.630.124 are recodified as sections in chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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