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By Senators Shewmake, Torres, and Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to small districts with less than 2,750 students  
2 and significant participation in skill centers; and amending RCW  
3 28A.245.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.245.020 and 2019 c 197 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) (~~Beginning in the 2007-08 school year and thereafter,~~  
8 ~~students~~) Students attending skill centers shall be funded for all  
9 classes at the skill center and the sending districts, up to (~~one~~  
10 ~~and six-tenths~~) 1.6 full-time equivalents or as determined in the  
11 omnibus operating appropriations act. The office of the  
12 superintendent of public instruction shall develop procedures to  
13 implement this subsection, including:

14 (a) Procedures to ensure that the (~~school~~) sending district and  
15 the skill center report no student for more than (~~one and six-~~  
16 ~~tenths~~) 1.6 full-time equivalent students combining both their high  
17 school enrollment and skill center enrollment (~~. Additionally, the~~  
18 ~~office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop~~  
19 ~~procedures)~~;

1        (b) Procedures for determining the appropriate share of the full-  
2 time equivalent enrollment count between the ((resident high school))  
3 sending district and skill center;

4        (c) Procedures for funding students for 1.0 full-time equivalent  
5 at the sending district if all the criteria in (c)(i) through (v) of  
6 this subsection are met:

7        (i) The total headcount enrollment of the sending district is  
8 fewer than 2,750 students;

9        (ii) At least 10 percent of the sending district's combined 11th  
10 and 12th grade student headcount is enrolled at the skill center;

11        (iii) The student is enrolled for at least 0.5 full-time  
12 equivalents at the sending district prior to any enhancement under  
13 this subsection;

14        (iv) The student is enrolled for at least 0.5 full-time  
15 equivalents at the skill center; and

16        (v) The sending district is a member of the administrative  
17 council governing the skill center.

18        (2) (a) A rural satellite skill center must report direct  
19 enrollment and receive direct funding if it meets the following  
20 criteria:

21        (i) The center is located at least ((thirty)) 30 miles from a  
22 core campus or other satellite program and enrolls students from a  
23 minimum of two school districts;

24        (ii) The center is solely responsible for hiring staff and  
25 covering all staffing costs;

26        (iii) The center is solely responsible for providing facilities,  
27 equipment, materials, supplies, and training;

28        (iv) The center has demonstrated the ability to build successful  
29 community and local business partnerships;

30        (v) The center has been operational and has secured agreements  
31 for at least one year with two or more rural districts in the area to  
32 accept and enroll students in the center, has completed the required  
33 feasibility study, and has secured commitments from local businesses  
34 or industries;

35        (vi) The career and technical education advisory committee and  
36 the local school district board of directors recommend and support  
37 the direct funding; and

38        (vii) The center shares liability of all reviews for the purposes  
39 of auditing and the consolidated program review including state and  
40 federal monitoring of the career and technical education programs.

1 (b) A core campus skill center may receive, for administrative  
2 purposes, up to seven percent of the funding provided to a partnered  
3 rural satellite skill center under (a) of this subsection.

4 (c) A core campus skill center may charge the annually required  
5 per-pupil facility fee consistent with RCW 28A.245.100 related to  
6 minor repair and maintenance capital accounts as negotiated in the  
7 interdistrict cooperative agreement.

8 (3) For the purposes of this section, "rural," consistent with  
9 the definition in the small, rural school achievement program and the  
10 rural education achievement program eligibility criteria, means:

11 (a) A local education agency that serves only schools that have a  
12 national center for education statistics school locale code of  
13 (~~forty-one, forty-two, or forty-three~~) 41, 42, or 43; or

14 (b) A local education agency that is located entirely within  
15 counties with a population density less than (~~one-hundred~~) 100  
16 persons per square mile or counties smaller than (~~two-hundred~~  
17 ~~twenty-five~~) 225 square miles as determined and published by the  
18 office of financial management each year for the period of July 1st  
19 to June 30th.

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