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**SENATE BILL 6270**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator MacEwen

1 AN ACT Relating to supporting computer science programs in  
2 Washington grade schools; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for  
8 this specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public  
9 instruction shall establish a grant program for the purposes of  
10 supporting computer science programs through funding for establishing  
11 computer science courses and related technology purchases and  
12 upgrades. The office of the superintendent of public instruction  
13 shall establish and publish criteria for the grant program, subject  
14 to the provisions of this section, and may accept gifts, grants, or  
15 endowments from public or private sources for the grant program.

16 (b) In order to qualify for a grant under this section, a school  
17 district must be located in a county with fewer than 300,000  
18 residents, as determined by the office of financial management.

19 (c) A school district that receives a grant under this section is  
20 not prohibited from receiving a grant in subsequent grant cycles.

1 (d) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
2 award grants beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

3 (2) Beginning in 2025, the office of the superintendent of public  
4 instruction, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, must submit an annual  
5 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature with an  
6 evaluation of the program established by this section. The report  
7 must include program outcomes, including recipients of the grants'  
8 usage of the funds.

9 (3) Funding for the grant program shall be limited to \$5,000,000  
10 per biennium.

11 (4) For the purposes of this section, "school districts" include  
12 state-tribal education compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715  
13 RCW.

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