

2 **SHB 2528** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 2/14/92**
3 By Committee on Appropriations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that a
8 significant number of school age children in the state of Washington
9 are not under the care and supervision of an adult during the hours
10 before and after school while their parents work or are engaged in job
11 training and professional preparation programs. The legislature finds
12 that these children are at risk and that the provision of before-and-
13 after-school child care will promote not only the safety and welfare of
14 these children, but their ability to learn and develop into healthy and
15 productive citizens.

16 (2) It is the intent of the legislature to promote the growth,
17 development, and safety of school age children by supporting the
18 establishment of high quality before-and-after-school child care
19 programs, in partnership with local governments and the private
20 sector."

21 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 74.13.085 and 1989 c 381 s 2 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 It shall be the policy of the state of Washington to:

24 (1) Recognize the family as the most important social and economic
25 unit of society and support the central role parents play in child
26 rearing. All parents are encouraged to care for and nurture their
27 children through the traditional methods of parental care at home.

1 However, there has been a dramatic increase in participation of women
2 in the workforce which has made the availability of quality, affordable
3 child care a critical concern for the state and its citizens. There
4 are not enough child care services and facilities to meet the needs of
5 working parents, the costs of care are often beyond the resources of
6 working parents, and child care facilities are not located conveniently
7 to work places and neighborhoods. Parents are encouraged to
8 participate fully in the effort to improve the quality of child care
9 services.

10 (2) Promote a variety of culturally and developmentally appropriate
11 child care settings and services of the highest possible quality in
12 accordance with the basic principle of continuity of care. These
13 settings and services shall include, but not be limited to, family day
14 care homes, (~~mini-centers,~~) centers and before-and-after-school child
15 care programs located in or near public school(~~s~~) buildings.

16 (3) Promote the growth, development and safety of children by
17 working with community groups including providers and parents to
18 establish standards for quality service, training of child care
19 providers, fair and equitable monitoring, and salary levels
20 commensurate with provider responsibilities and support services.

21 (4) Promote equal access to quality, affordable, socio-economically
22 integrated child care for all children and families.

23 (5) Facilitate broad community and private sector involvement in
24 the provision of quality child care services to foster economic
25 development and assist industry."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
27 to read as follows:

1 (1) Within available federal funds the department may award before-
2 and-after-school child care facility grants subject to the following
3 conditions and limitations:

4 (a) Before-and-after-school child care facility grant requests may
5 be for expanding existing before-and-after-school child care programs
6 or establishing new programs located in or near public elementary
7 schools.

8 (b) Grantees under this section may include public school
9 districts, educational service districts, or other governmental or
10 nongovernmental not-for-profit organizations.

11 (c) Grants may be used for any of the following purposes:

12 (i) Planning and design of facilities and programs;

13 (ii) Equipment, supplies, and materials of a noncapital nature,
14 including but not limited to toys, office supplies, art supplies, and
15 kitchen utensils; and

16 (iii) Operating expenses for the first six months of operation of
17 a new before-and-after-school child care program.

18 (d) A grant under this section may be used to support no more than
19 seventy-five percent of the costs of establishing a before-and-after-
20 school child care program. A grantee may meet the local matching
21 requirement under this subsection through contributions by private or
22 public entities of materials, supplies, in-kind services, or physical
23 facilities.

24 (2) The child care coordinating committee established under RCW
25 74.13.090 shall establish standards and criteria for the review and
26 awarding of grants. The committee shall include relevant information
27 regarding grants awarded under this section in the annual report to the
28 legislature."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "care;" strike the remainder
5 of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.13.085; adding a new section
6 to chapter 74.13 RCW; and creating a new section."