
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1036

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Backlund, Brumsickle, Sherstad, Carlson, Dyer, Kremen, Horn, Schoesler, Buck, Johnson, Thompson, Radcliff, Hickel, Elliot, Pennington, Carrell, Robertson, Foreman, Van Luven, Koster, D. Schmidt, Mulliken, Fuhrman, Campbell, L. Thomas, Huff, Mielke, Talcott, Silver, McMahan and Casada)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a performance audit of the office of the
2 superintendent of public instruction; adding a new section to chapter
3 43.88 RCW; making an appropriation; providing an expiration date; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature finds that student learning in Washington state
9 will increase if the organizations and individuals in the K-12
10 education system use available funds more economically and efficiently.
11 In order to increase economy and efficiency at the state level, the
12 state auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the office of the
13 superintendent of public instruction. It is the intent of the
14 legislature that funds saved through increased economy and efficiency
15 in the office of the superintendent of public instruction be directed
16 to the classroom.

17 In conducting the audit, the state auditor shall evaluate the
18 following:

1 (a) Whether the office of the superintendent of public instruction
2 is conducting the duties and tasks required by state law economically
3 and efficiently;

4 (b) The causes of any inefficiencies or uneconomical practices; and

5 (c) What efficiencies could be made in the delivery of services and
6 programs, and what savings would be incurred if these changes were
7 made.

8 (2) The state auditor shall solicit suggestions for purposes of
9 this audit from legislators, the governor, school district and
10 educational service district employees, parents, students, state-wide
11 education and parent associations, and other appropriate interest
12 groups.

13 (3) The state auditor may require the superintendent of public
14 instruction to provide information required for completion of the
15 audit, and the superintendent shall fully and completely cooperate with
16 the auditor for the purposes of this section.

17 (4) The restriction on conducting performance verifications by
18 the state auditor in RCW 43.88.160(6)(c) does not apply to this
19 section.

20 (5) The state auditor shall report its findings to the legislature
21 by November 15, 1995.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred seventy-four thousand
23 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
24 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the state
25 auditor for the purposes of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
29 effect immediately.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall expire December 31, 1995.

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