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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting school districts to establish and
2 develop educational foundations; creating new sections; and providing
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit
6 educational foundations created to provide financial and other support
7 to public schools can play an important role in enhancing the quality
8 of education in Washington state. Educational foundations are private
9 nonprofit corporations that are organized to benefit education in
10 school districts and local communities. These foundations do not
11 supplant the role of the state. They are able to access private,
12 federal, and local resources not otherwise available to public schools,
13 to devise innovative solutions to solve problems, and to serve students
14 in new and innovative ways. Existing efforts supported or administered
15 by foundations include drop-out prevention programs, innovative
16 classroom grants, and math clubs for girls.

17 The legislature further finds that while the number of public
18 school foundations in Washington is increasing, only a small percentage
19 of the school districts in the state are assisted by foundations. In

1 addition, many states have one hundred to two hundred education
2 foundations enhancing educational opportunities for their students.
3 Additional leadership and support from the state in assisting in the
4 establishment and development of foundations would increase the number
5 of foundations, and thereby increase the number of students who would
6 benefit from their support.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of community, trade, and
8 economic development shall enter into a contract with one or more
9 organizations or individuals to provide support, guidance, training,
10 and technical assistance to individuals and organizations for the
11 establishment and development of nonprofit educational foundations
12 established to provide financial support and services to assist public
13 schools.

14 (2) The department shall solicit contract proposals from the
15 following: Washington state school directors' association, Washington
16 coalition of public schools foundations, northwest development officers
17 association, Washington association of partners in education, and other
18 individuals and organizations that have the appropriate experience and
19 expertise.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall expire December 31, 1998.

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