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1 AN ACT Relating to contracts for alternative educational service
2 programs; and amending RCW 28A.150.305.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.305 and 1997 c 265 s 6 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The board of directors of school districts may contract with
7 alternative educational service providers for ~~((eligible students))~~
8 educational, instructional, or specialized services under RCW
9 28A.320.035. Alternative educational service providers that the school
10 district may contract with include, but are not limited to:

11 (a) Other schools;

12 (b) Alternative education programs not operated by the school
13 district;

14 (c) Education centers;

15 (d) Skills centers;

16 (e) Dropout prevention programs; or

17 (f) Other public or private organizations, excluding sectarian or
18 religious organizations.

1 (2) (~~Eligible students include~~) (a) The contracts may provide
2 specialized programs or services for any student or group of students.
3 However, priority will be given to programs and services that serve
4 students who are likely to be expelled or who are enrolled in the
5 school district but have been suspended, are academically at risk, or
6 who have been subject to repeated disciplinary actions due to
7 behavioral problems.

8 (b) For programs for students who are not at risk, the contract
9 shall apply only to those activities specifically provided to the
10 student by the school district under the alternative learning program.

11 (3) If a school district board of directors chooses to initiate
12 specialized programs for students at risk of expulsion or who are
13 failing academically by contracting out with alternative educational
14 service providers identified in subsection (1) of this section, the
15 school district board of directors and the organization must specify
16 the specific learning standards that students are expected to achieve.
17 Placement of the student shall be jointly determined by the school
18 district, the student's parent or legal guardian, and the alternative
19 educational service provider.

20 (4)(a) For the purpose of this section, the superintendent of
21 public instruction shall adopt rules for reporting and documenting
22 enrollment. Students may reenter at the grade level appropriate to the
23 student's ability. Students who are sixteen years of age or older may
24 take the GED test.

25 (b) The superintendent of public instruction may only adopt rules
26 on alternative learning programs for students who are not at risk that
27 apply to activities that are specifically provided by the school
28 district under the alternative learning program.

29 (5) The board of directors of school districts may require that
30 students who would otherwise be suspended or expelled attend schools or
31 programs listed in subsection (1) of this section as a condition of
32 continued enrollment in the school district.

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