

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1573

Chapter 408, Laws of 2007

(partial veto)

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

DROPOUT PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND RETRIEVAL

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Passed by the House April 19, 2007
Yeas 93 Nays 4

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 18, 2007
Yeas 44 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 9, 2007, 3:24 p.m., with
the exception of section 8 which is
vetoed.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk
of the House of Representatives of
the State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1573
as passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

FILED

May 11, 2007

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2007 Regular Session

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Priest, P. Sullivan, Pettigrew, Kenney, Kagi, Wallace, McCoy, Dickerson, Lovick, Santos, Hunt, Hasegawa, Simpson, Pedersen, Morrell, Conway, Lantz, O'Brien and Ormsby; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

READ FIRST TIME 03/12/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to dropout prevention, intervention, and retrieval;
2 adding new sections to chapter 28A.175 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that
5 increasing academic success and increasing graduation rates be dual
6 goals for the K-12 system. The legislature finds that only seventy-
7 four percent of the class of 2005 graduated on time. Students of
8 color, students living in poverty, students in foster care, students in
9 the juvenile justice system, students who are homeless, students for
10 whom English is not their primary language, and students with
11 disabilities have lower graduation rates than the average. The
12 legislature further finds that students who drop out experience more
13 frequent occurrences of early pregnancy, delinquency, substance abuse,
14 and mental health issues, and have greater need of publicly funded
15 health and social services. The legislature further finds that helping
16 all students be successful in school requires active participation in
17 coordinating services from schools, parents, and other stakeholders and
18 agencies in the local community. The legislature finds that existing
19 resources to vulnerable youth are used more efficiently and effectively

1 when there is significant coordination across local and state entities.
2 The legislature further finds that efficiency and accountability of the
3 K-12 system would be improved by creating a dropout prevention and
4 intervention grant program that implements research-based and emerging
5 best practices and evaluates results.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Subject to the availability of funds
7 appropriated for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of
8 public instruction shall create a grant program and award grants to
9 local partnerships of schools, families, and communities to begin the
10 phase in of a statewide comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention,
11 and retrieval system. This program shall be known as the building
12 bridges program.

13 (1) For purposes of sections 2 through 7 of this act, a "building
14 bridges program" means a local partnership of schools, families, and
15 communities that provides all of the following programs or activities:

16 (a) A system that identifies individual students at risk of
17 dropping out from middle through high school based on local predictive
18 data, including state assessment data starting in the fourth grade, and
19 provides timely interventions for such students and for dropouts,
20 including a plan for educational success as already required by the
21 student learning plan as defined under RCW 28A.655.061. Students
22 identified shall include foster care youth, youth involved in the
23 juvenile justice system, and students receiving special education
24 services under chapter 28A.155 RCW;

25 (b) Coaches or mentors for students as necessary;

26 (c) Staff responsible for coordination of community partners that
27 provide a seamless continuum of academic and nonacademic support in
28 schools and communities;

29 (d) Retrieval or reentry activities; and

30 (e) Alternative educational programming, including, but not limited
31 to, career and technical education exploratory and preparatory programs
32 and online learning opportunities.

33 (2) One of the grants awarded under this section shall be for a
34 two-year demonstration project focusing on providing fifth through
35 twelfth grade students with a program that utilizes technology and is
36 integrated with state standards, basic academics, cross-cultural

1 exposures, and age-appropriate preemployment training. The project
2 shall:

3 (a) Establish programs in two western Washington and one eastern
4 Washington urban areas;

5 (b) Identify at-risk students in each of the distinct communities
6 and populations and implement strategies to close the achievement gap;

7 (c) Collect and report data on participant characteristics and
8 outcomes of the project, including the characteristics and outcomes
9 specified under section 3(1)(e) of this act; and

10 (d) Submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2009.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The office of the superintendent of
12 public instruction shall:

13 (a) Identify criteria for grants and evaluate proposals for funding
14 in consultation with the workforce training and education coordinating
15 board;

16 (b) Develop and monitor requirements for grant recipients to:

17 (i) Identify students who both fail the Washington assessment of
18 student learning and drop out of school;

19 (ii) Identify their own strengths and gaps in services provided to
20 youth;

21 (iii) Set their own local goals for program outcomes;

22 (iv) Use research-based and emerging best practices that lead to
23 positive outcomes in implementing the building bridges program; and

24 (v) Coordinate an outreach campaign to bring public and private
25 organizations together and to provide information about the building
26 bridges program to the local community;

27 (c) In setting the requirements under (b) of this subsection,
28 encourage creativity and provide for flexibility in implementing the
29 local building bridges program;

30 (d) Identify and disseminate successful practices;

31 (e) Develop requirements for grant recipients to collect and report
32 data, including, but not limited to:

33 (i) The number of and demographics of students served including,
34 but not limited to, information regarding a student's race and
35 ethnicity, a student's household income, a student's housing status,
36 whether a student is a foster youth or youth involved in the juvenile

1 justice system, whether a student is disabled, and the primary language
2 spoken at a student's home;

3 (ii) Washington assessment of student learning scores;

4 (iii) Dropout rates;

5 (iv) On-time graduation rates;

6 (v) Extended graduation rates;

7 (vi) Credentials obtained;

8 (vii) Absenteeism rates;

9 (viii) Truancy rates; and

10 (ix) Credit retrieval;

11 (f) Contract with a third party to evaluate the infrastructure and
12 implementation of the partnership including the leveraging of outside
13 resources that relate to the goal of the partnership. The third-party
14 contractor shall also evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the
15 partnerships relative to the type of entity, as identified in section
16 4 of this act, serving as the lead agency for the partnership; and

17 (g) Report to the legislature by December 1, 2008.

18 (2) In performing its duties under this section, the office of the
19 superintendent of public instruction is encouraged to consult with the
20 work group identified in section 7 of this act.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** In awarding the grants under section 2 of
22 this act, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
23 prioritize schools or districts with dropout rates above the statewide
24 average and shall attempt to award building bridges program grants to
25 different geographic regions of the state. Eligible recipients shall
26 be one of the following entities acting as a lead agency for the local
27 partnership: A school district, a tribal school, an area workforce
28 development council, an educational service district, an accredited
29 institution of higher education, a vocational skills center, a
30 federally recognized tribe, a community organization, or a nonprofit
31 501(c)(3) corporation. If the recipient is not a school district, at
32 least one school district must be identified within the partnership.
33 The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that grants are
34 distributed proportionately between school districts and other
35 recipients. This requirement may be waived if the superintendent of
36 public instruction finds that the quality of the programs or

1 applications from these entities does not warrant the awarding of the
2 grants proportionately.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** To be eligible for a grant under section 2
4 of this act, grant applicants shall:

5 (1) Build or demonstrate a commitment to building a broad-based
6 partnership of schools, families, and community members to provide an
7 effective and efficient building bridges program. The partnership
8 shall consider an effective model for school-community partnerships and
9 include local membership from, but not limited to, school districts,
10 tribal schools, secondary career and technical education programs,
11 skill centers that serve the local community, an educational service
12 district, the area workforce development council, accredited
13 institutions of higher education, tribes or other cultural
14 organizations, the parent teacher association, the juvenile court,
15 prosecutors and defenders, the local health department, health care
16 agencies, public transportation agencies, local division
17 representatives of the department of social and health services,
18 businesses, city or county government agencies, civic organizations,
19 and appropriate youth-serving community-based organizations.
20 Interested parents and students shall be actively included whenever
21 possible;

22 (2) Demonstrate how the grant will enhance any dropout prevention
23 and intervention programs and services already in place in the
24 district;

25 (3) Provide a twenty-five percent match that may include in-kind
26 resources from within the partnership;

27 (4) Track and report data required by the grant; and

28 (5) Describe how the dropout prevention, intervention, and
29 retrieval system will be sustained after initial funding, including
30 roles of each of the partners.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) Educational service districts, in
32 collaboration with area workforce development councils, shall:

33 (a) Provide technical assistance to local partnerships established
34 under a grant awarded under section 2 of this act in collecting and
35 using performance data; and

1 (b) At the request of a local partnership established under a grant
2 awarded under section 2 of this act, provide assistance in the
3 development of a functional sustainability plan, including the
4 identification of potential funding sources for future operation.

5 (2) Local partnerships established under a grant awarded under
6 section 2 of this act may contract with an educational service
7 district, workforce development council, or a private agency for
8 specialized training in such areas as cultural competency, identifying
9 diverse learning styles, and intervention strategies for students at
10 risk of dropping out of school.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The office of the superintendent of
12 public instruction shall establish a state-level work group that
13 includes K-12 and state agencies that work with youth who have dropped
14 out or are at risk of dropping out of school. The state-level
15 leadership group shall consist of one representative from each of the
16 following agencies and organizations: The workforce training and
17 education coordinating board; career and technical education including
18 skill centers; relevant divisions of the department of social and
19 health services; the juvenile courts; the Washington association of
20 prosecuting attorneys; the Washington state office of public defense;
21 the employment security department; accredited institutions of higher
22 education; the educational service districts; the area workforce
23 development councils; parent and educator associations; the department
24 of health; local school districts; agencies or organizations that
25 provide services to special education students; community organizations
26 serving youth; federally recognized tribes and urban tribal centers;
27 each of the major political caucuses of the senate and house of
28 representatives; and the minority commissions.

29 (2) To assist and enhance the work of the building bridges programs
30 established in section 5 of this act, the state-level work group shall:

31 (a) Identify and make recommendations to the legislature for the
32 reduction of fiscal, legal, and regulatory barriers that prevent
33 coordination of program resources across agencies at the state and
34 local level;

35 (b) Develop and track performance measures and benchmarks for each
36 partner agency or organization across the state including performance

1 measures and benchmarks based on student characteristics and outcomes
2 specified in section 3(1)(e) of this act; and

3 (c) Identify research-based and emerging best practices regarding
4 prevention, intervention, and retrieval programs.

5 (3) The work group shall report to the legislature and the governor
6 on an annual basis beginning December 1, 2007, with recommendations for
7 implementing emerging best practices, needed additional resources, and
8 eliminating barriers.

9 ***NEW SECTION.** *Sec. 8. (1) During the 2007-2009 biennium, school
10 districts that contract with eligible alternative educational service
11 providers to provide education programs, including GED preparation,
12 that generate course credits towards high school graduation, for
13 students who are at risk of dropping out of school, or who have dropped
14 out of school, may continue to use allocations under RCW 28A.150.250 to
15 fund contracts with those providers. For purposes of this section,
16 "eligible alternative educational service providers" includes community
17 and technical colleges and community-based organizations that meet all
18 state requirements for receiving state K-12 formula allocations.
19 Students attending these programs will be considered full-time
20 equivalent students if they are enrolled in programming totaling at
21 least twenty-five hours per week. A student will not be considered
22 enrolled if their consecutive days of absence from school exceed twenty
23 school days and attendance has not resumed.*

24 (2) All school districts with contracts with eligible alternative
25 educational service providers shall provide information to the office
26 of the superintendent of public instruction including, but not limited
27 to: (a) The number of students enrolled in those programs; (b) the
28 amount of weekly instructional hours provided; (c) the location of the
29 instruction program provided; and (d) the number and types of staff
30 providing the instruction in the programs. By December 1, 2008, the
31 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall submit a
32 report to the office of financial management and the appropriate policy
33 and fiscal committees of the legislature that summarizes the
34 information provided by the school districts pursuant to this
35 subsection.

36 (3) The state-level work group established under section 7 of this
37 act shall examine issues related to school districts' use of basic

1 *education allocations under this section including, but not limited to,*
2 *findings or other relevant communications by the state auditor. The*
3 *work group shall develop recommendations and submit a report to the*
4 *appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2009.*

**Sec. 8 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 2 through 7 of this act are each
6 added to chapter 28A.175 RCW.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If specific funding for the purposes of
8 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
9 provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act
10 is null and void.

Passed by the House April 19, 2007.

Passed by the Senate April 18, 2007.

Approved by the Governor May 9, 2007, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 11, 2007.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning, without my approval as to Section 8, Second
Substitute House Bill 1573 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to dropout prevention, intervention, and
retrieval."

Sections 1 through 7 of this bill provide for the development and
implementation of a grant program that, through collaborative school
district, family and community partnerships and services, support
vulnerable students who are at risk of dropping out of middle or high
school. The grant program will be called the Building Bridges Program.

Section 8 deals with existing dropout prevention and high school
completion programs run by community based organizations and
community and technical colleges through contracts with school
districts. Section 8 sets the criteria for determining state funding
for students enrolled in these programs, and was intended to address
concerns raised by community based organizations. I am vetoing
Section 8 because it would have the unintended consequence of
decreasing enrollment in existing high school completion programs
available through community and technical colleges. The
Superintendent of Public Instruction has indicated that the concerns
of the community based organizations can be addressed through the
rule making process for the new dropout prevention program.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 8 of Second Substitute House
Bill 1573.

With the exception of Section 8, Second Substitute House Bill 1573 is
approved."