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By Senators Oemig, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Eide and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to kindergarten transition plans; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall work with the
7 department of early learning to develop kindergarten transition plans.
8 This shall include creating the format and content of the plans and
9 developing training for using the plans.

10 (2) The purpose of the kindergarten transition plans is to help
11 kindergarten teachers, parents, and early learning providers work
12 together to understand and plan for the social and academic development
13 of kindergarten students. The plans shall be based upon research that
14 acknowledges all aspects of development, including cultural differences
15 among children. The plans shall help support the smooth transitions
16 from early learning to kindergarten. The plans shall be developed to
17 be used by parents, early learning and child care providers,
18 preschools, and kindergartens.

1 (3) The plans shall be developed for use, to the extent possible,
2 beginning in September of 2007, but not later than the 2008-09 school
3 year. The plans may initially be implemented in demonstration sites
4 under the private-public partnership in RCW 43.215.070, in schools
5 receiving state support for all-day kindergarten, and in primary-level
6 demonstration projects.

7 (4) Kindergarten transition plans shall be implemented in public
8 school districts across the state not later than the 2009-10 school
9 year and shall also be available for voluntary use in child care,
10 preschool, and other early learning programs.

11 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall seek input on
12 the development of the plans from the same categories of people who
13 were on the Washington early learning council or would be on an early
14 learning advisory council created during the 2007 legislative session,
15 and other representatives from the K-12 community.

16 (6) Upon completion of the demonstration sites, the superintendent
17 of public instruction, working with the department of early learning
18 and the private-public partnership in RCW 43.215.070, shall report its
19 findings and recommendations for statewide implementation to the
20 education committees of the legislature.

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