
SENATE BILL 5657

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By Senators Mullet, Litzow, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Keiser, Habib, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot program to encourage school
2 districts to extend the school day to provide homework assistance to
3 middle schools; creating new sections; making appropriations; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that providing an
7 additional hour at the end of each school day for middle school
8 students to work on homework assignments with a teacher available to
9 answer questions can provide helpful academic assistance to students
10 that will result in a reduction in the student dropout rate. The
11 legislature further finds that this can be done by providing a cadre
12 of teachers who take turns providing this assistance to the students.
13 The legislature intends to create a pilot program to encourage school
14 districts to use state investments to extend the school day at middle
15 schools to provide homework assistance to students.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) Subject to funds provided for this
17 specific purpose, a pilot program is established to encourage school
18 districts to extend the school day one hour beyond the regular school
19 day of the school district during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school
20 years for the purpose of providing homework assistance to students.

1 Funding shall be provided for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 school
2 years;

3 (b) The funding must be used to provide a cadre of teachers who
4 take turns providing homework assistance to students at the end of
5 the regular school day. Teachers providing instruction during the
6 extended-day time shall be paid at an hourly rate using a
7 supplemental contract as authorized under RCW 28A.400.200(4); and

8 (c) Funding received under this section may also be used for
9 transportation to and from school for students participating in the
10 extended school day.

11 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
12 create a competitive grant process to award the funding provided
13 under this section.

14 (3) This section expires August 1, 2017.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
16 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
17 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, from the general fund to the
18 office of the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes
19 of this act.

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23 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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