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1 AN ACT Relating to the membership of the expanded learning
2 opportunities council; amending RCW 28A.630.123; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.630.123 and 2014 c 219 s 3 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The expanded learning opportunities council is established to
8 advise the governor, the legislature, and the superintendent of
9 public instruction regarding a comprehensive expanded learning
10 opportunities system, with particular attention paid to solutions to
11 summer learning loss.

12 (2) The council shall provide a vision, guidance, assistance, and
13 advice related to potential improvement and expansion of summer
14 learning opportunities, school year calendar modifications that will
15 help reduce summer learning loss, increasing partnerships between
16 schools and community-based organizations to deliver expanded
17 learning opportunities, and other current or proposed programs and
18 initiatives across the spectrum of early elementary through secondary
19 education that could contribute to a statewide system of expanded
20 learning opportunities.

1 (3) The council shall identify fiscal, resource, and partnership
2 opportunities; coordinate policy development; set quality standards;
3 promote evidence-based strategies; and develop a comprehensive action
4 plan designed to implement expanded learning opportunities, address
5 summer learning loss, provide academic supports, build strong
6 partnerships between schools and community-based organizations, and
7 track performance of expanded learning opportunities in closing the
8 opportunity gap.

9 (4) When making recommendations regarding evidence-based
10 strategies, the council shall consider the best practices on the
11 state menus developed in accordance with RCW 28A.165.035 and
12 28A.655.235.

13 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall convene the
14 expanded learning opportunities council. The members of the council
15 must have experience with expanded learning opportunities and include
16 groups and agencies representing diverse student interests and
17 geographical locations across the state. Up to fifteen participants,
18 agencies, organizations, or individuals may be invited to participate
19 in the council, and the membership shall include the following:

20 (a) Three representatives from nonprofit community-based
21 organizations;

22 (b) One representative from regional workforce development
23 councils;

24 (c) One representative from each of the following organizations
25 or agencies:

26 (i) The Washington state school directors' association;

27 (ii) The state-level association of school administrators;

28 (iii) The state-level association of school principals;

29 (iv) The state board of education;

30 (v) The statewide association representing certificated classroom
31 teachers and educational staff associates;

32 (vi) The office of the superintendent of public instruction;

33 (vii) The state-level parent-teacher association;

34 (viii) Higher education; (~~and~~)

35 (ix) A statewide nonprofit coalition that is representative of
36 communities of color and low-income communities; and

37 (x) A nonprofit organization with statewide experience in
38 expanded learning opportunities frameworks.

39 (6) Staff support for the expanded learning opportunity council
40 shall be provided by the office of the superintendent of public

1 instruction and other state agencies as necessary. Appointees of the
2 council shall be selected by May 30, 2014. The council shall hold its
3 first meeting before August 1, 2014. At the first meeting, the
4 council shall determine regularly scheduled meeting times and
5 locations.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires August 31,
7 2019.

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