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1 AN ACT Relating to the education 2000 task force; amending RCW
2 28A.150.210; adding new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW; repealing RCW
3 28A.150.220; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration
4 date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The education 2000 task force is hereby
7 established. The purpose of the task force is: (1) To identify a new
8 definition of basic education that will include the essential
9 knowledge, understandings, and skills necessary in the contemporary
10 setting to equip children of this state for their roles as citizens and
11 as potential competitors in today's market as well as in the market of
12 ideas; and (2) to develop strategies to implement the new definition
13 and ensure that such learning occurs.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Membership of the task force shall
2 include one representative from the following groups and organizations:
3 School administrators; school principals; school teachers; school
4 directors; the office of the governor; the office of the superintendent
5 of public instruction; the state board of education; and college and
6 university teacher education programs. In addition, the task force
7 shall include two members representing parents, two members
8 representing business, four members of the senate, and four members of
9 the house of representatives. Representation from the senate and house
10 of representatives shall be equally divided between the majority and
11 minority parties. Members from the legislature shall be selected by
12 the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the
13 senate. Representatives from other organizations shall be selected
14 jointly by the governor and superintendent of public instruction.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The task force shall:

16 (1)(a) By December 1, 1991, identify the knowledge, understandings,
17 and skills necessary to equip children of this state for their roles as
18 citizens and as potential competitors in today's market as well as in
19 the market of ideas. The task force shall then provide a
20 recommendation on these essential learnings to the education committees
21 of the legislature for their adoption. These essential learnings shall
22 include desired student outcomes in each of the following categories:
23 Academics, vocational education, personal development, and social and
24 civic responsibilities;

25 (b) By December 1, 1992, recommend expected levels of student
26 performance relative to the essential learnings identified in (a) of
27 this subsection;

28 (2) By December 1, 1991, recommend for repeal or amendment state
29 laws and rules that could inhibit schools and school districts from

1 adopting creative strategies to ensure that students master the
2 essential learnings. The task force shall specifically consider
3 recommending repeal or amendment of requirements pertaining to teacher-
4 student contact time, compulsory courses, length of the school year,
5 and program offerings;

6 (3) Beginning December 1, 1992, report annually on strategies to:

7 (a) Implement the new definition of basic education based on
8 essential learnings. Components of the strategy shall include a
9 recommended schedule for adopting the new definition of basic
10 education, whether adoption of the new definition by school districts
11 should be mandatory or voluntary, necessary or recommended statutory
12 changes, and what performance incentives or sanctions should be
13 created;

14 (b) Assist schools in ensuring that all children learn the
15 essential learnings. Consideration shall be given to: Providing
16 additional time and resources for schools to plan improvements and
17 train personnel; making structural and organizational changes to
18 clarify learning responsibilities; creating improved learning and
19 enhancing learning communities; and funding innovative projects and
20 pilot programs.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Staff and administrative support for the
22 task force shall be provided by the legislature. The task force shall
23 expire December 31, 1999.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.150.210 and 1977 ex.s. c 359 s 2 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 The goal of the Basic Education Act for the schools of the state of
27 Washington (~~((set forth in this 1977 amendatory act))~~) shall be to
28 (~~((provide students with the opportunity to achieve those skills which~~

1 are generally recognized as requisite to learning. Those skills shall
2 include the ability:

3 (1) To distinguish, interpret and make use of words, numbers and
4 other symbols, including sound, colors, shapes and textures;

5 (2) To organize words and other symbols into acceptable verbal and
6 nonverbal forms of expression, and numbers into their appropriate
7 functions;

8 (3) To perform intellectual functions such as problem solving,
9 decision making, goal setting, selecting, planning, predicting,
10 experimenting, ordering and evaluating; and

11 (4) To use various muscles necessary for coordinating physical and
12 mental functions)) ensure that students master the knowledge,
13 understandings, and skills necessary for their roles as citizens and as
14 potential competitors in today's market as well as in the market of
15 ideas as determined by the education 2000 task force and as adopted by
16 the education committees of the legislature under section 3 of this
17 1991 act.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. RCW 28A.150.220 and 1990 c 33 s 105,
19 1982 c 158 s 1, 1979 ex.s. c 250 s 1, & 1977 ex.s. c 359 s 3 are each
20 repealed effective August 31, 1992.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Section 5 of this act shall take effect
22 August 31, 1992.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Section 1 through 4 of this act shall
24 expire January 1, 2000.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
26 each added to chapter 28A.630 RCW.