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1 AN ACT Relating to a youth substance abuse prevention and
2 education grant program; and adding new sections to chapter 66.08
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 66.08
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The youth substance abuse prevention and education account is
8 created in the state treasury. All receipts from funds appropriated
9 by the legislature for the youth substance abuse prevention and
10 education grant program and revenue from other sources must be
11 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only
12 after appropriation.

13 (2) If moneys are available in the account, expenditures from the
14 account may be made by the board only as grants to statewide
15 nonprofit organizations that are affiliated and in good standing with
16 the standards of a national congressionally chartered organization
17 under P.L. 105-225 for the purpose of providing youth substance abuse
18 programs. To qualify for grants from this account, organizations
19 must:

20 (a) Offer proven and tested substance abuse education and
21 prevention programs to youth between the ages of six and eighteen;

1 (b) Provide a program in which at least sixty percent of the
2 participants qualify for free or reduced-price lunch;

3 (c) Be facility-based and provide proven and tested recreational,
4 educational, and character-building programs for children;

5 (d) Provide after school and summer programs in a minimum of
6 fifty communities statewide, with youth development services
7 available at least twenty hours weekly during the school year, and
8 for thirty hours weekly during summer programming;

9 (e) Have adopted standards for care that at a minimum include
10 staff ratios, staff training, health and safety standards, and
11 mechanisms for assessing and enforcing the program's compliance with
12 the standards; and

13 (f) Conduct national criminal background checks for all employees
14 and volunteers who work with children.

15 (3) The existence of this account does not create a right for any
16 organization to receive money from this account.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.08
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The youth substance abuse prevention and education grant
20 program is created. The purpose of the grant program is to provide
21 funding for community-based and statewide substance education
22 programs designed to reduce initiation of substance use by children
23 and youth. The board shall administer the program. The board shall
24 award grants to selected organizations from moneys appropriated to
25 the youth substance abuse prevention and education account created in
26 section 1 of this act.

27 (2) The board shall adopt rules that specify, but are not limited
28 to, the following:

29 (a) The procedures and timelines by which an organization may
30 apply for program grants;

31 (b) Grant application contents;

32 (c) Criteria for selecting those entities that will receive
33 grants and determining the amount and duration of those grants; and

34 (d) Reporting requirements for organizations that receive grants
35 pursuant to this section.

36 (3) The board shall award grants to selected organizations and
37 specify the grant amount and duration. No grant awarded pursuant to
38 this section may exceed three years without renewal. No more than

1 four percent of the grant award may be used by the selected
2 organization for administrative purposes.

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