

Truancy Reduction (2SHB1170, 2017 Session)

1. **Purpose:** Funding for OSPI staff capacity to support districts and schools to understand and implement new requirements in BECCA Compulsory Attendance law as well as best practice to increase attendance and reduce excessive absenteeism.
2. **Description of services provided:** Staff provided presentations, professional development, technical assistance, resource development and awareness raising activities to support the purpose described above.
3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:** N/A

Beneficiaries in 2018–19 School Year:

# of School Districts:	00
# of Schools:	00
# of Students:	00
Other:	00

# of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs):	1.3
# of contractors/other staff associated with this funding:	00

FY19 Funding:	State Appropriation:	\$178,000
	Federal Appropriation:	\$0
	Other fund sources:	\$0
	TOTAL (FY19)	\$178,000

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding? If yes, explain.** No.
5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY19	\$178,000	\$164,537
FY18	\$186,000	\$78,192

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., schools, students, districts) history:** N/A
7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):** N/A
8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:** N/A
9. **Major challenges faced by the program:** Broadly, we see districts challenged to implement certain requirements in the law, without additional funding and staff capacity. Providing interventions earlier (e.g. parent conferences after 5 excused absences or administering the

WARNS or other screener between 2–5 unexcused absences) even though they are best practice, proved to be challenging to districts. There is still ample opportunity for more training and support of community truancy boards as well.

10. **Future opportunities:** The future holds great promise. OSPI has identified funds that will support a pilot grant to several districts. The pilot will focus on a district-wide, multi-tiered approach to attendance, testing evidence-based practices and systems that can inform OSPI and the legislature on future legislation and funding.
11. **Statutory and/or Budget language: Budget Proviso: ESSB 6032 Section 501(40)** \$186,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$178,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 291, Laws of 2017 (2SHB 1170) (truancy reduction efforts).
12. **Other relevant information:** N/A
13. **List of schools/districts receiving assistance:** N/A. See OSPI [website](#).
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