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Introduced By: Greg Nickels

Proposed No.: 1999-0464

ORDINANCE NO. 13642

AN ORDINANCE relating to the setting of a fee schedule for truancy classes; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4.71.

PREAMBLE:

In accordance with RCW 28A.225.030, schools districts are required to file truancy petitions with the juvenile court. Since the enactment of this school attendance law in 1995, the volume of truancy cases filed in the juvenile department of King County superior court has been significant.

In accordance with RCW 28A.225.035 and in response to the volume of cases, the King County superior court has designed a truancy prevention class curriculum that would be offered to truant students and their families in lieu of a court hearing.

The purpose of the class is to educate students and their parents or guardians about the truancy law and the importance of regular school attendance. The class would also help reduce the actual number of truancy cases that require a court hearing since models of the classes in other counties have shown an actual reduction in student truancy rates and a reduction in formal truancy court hearings.

To recover the costs of sponsoring the truancy class, the King County superior court is requesting authority to establish a fee schedule for those attending the truancy class.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.71 a

1 new section to read as follows:

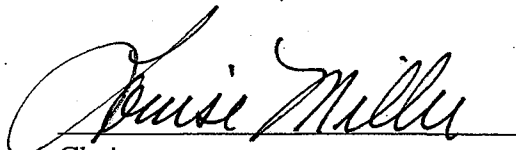
2 **Fee – truancy classes.** The department of judicial administration is hereby
3 authorized to assess and collect a fee for truancy classes offered as an alternative to
4 appearance in court. The truancy class fee shall be twenty-five dollars per class, except
5 that the fee shall be ten dollars for those students receiving reduced lunch services through
6 a school district and the fee shall be waived for those students receiving free lunch services
7 through a school district.

8 SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect October 19, 1999.

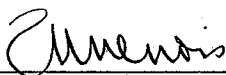
9 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 7 day of September, 1999.

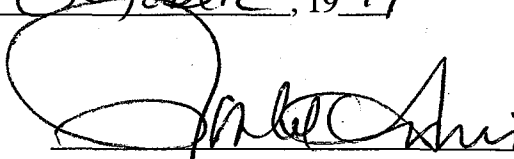
10 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 on this 4th day of October, 1999.

11 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
12 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

15 ATTEST:

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17 Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 15 day of October, 19 99

19 King County Executive
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21 Attachments: None