
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1772

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Priest, P. Sullivan, McDermott, Kenney, Simpson, Kagi and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the voluntary participation in the Washington
2 assessment of student learning by students enrolled in private schools;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 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 28A.655
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that the Washington assessment of student
8 learning for elementary, middle, and high school years is an important
9 tool for students, parents, teachers, schools, and the state. This
10 assessment is so important that the legislature encourages all students
11 in the state to participate in the assessment, which is voluntary for
12 students attending private schools. The assessment lets students and
13 their parents know the student's progress in learning the skills and
14 knowledge the state deems necessary to become a responsible citizen and
15 successfully live, learn, and work in the twenty-first century.

16 (2)(a) Individual students attending private schools under chapter
17 28A.195 RCW may take the Washington assessment of student learning
18 through the local school district at district expense as part of the
19 district's ancillary services.

1 (b) If a private school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW wishes
2 to administer the Washington assessment of student learning, the
3 assessment contractor may provide the assessment at the private school
4 and may agree to have the private school administer the assessment.
5 The superintendent of public instruction shall pay the assessment
6 contractor the cost of the test itself, including processing the test
7 to determine the results, for each student taking the assessment under
8 this subsection (2)(b), only if the private school offers the
9 assessment to all enrolled students at the grade level of the test, and
10 the private school makes the aggregate test results public and
11 available to the superintendent of public instruction. The
12 superintendent shall pay for assessments under this subsection (2)(b)
13 only for reading, writing, and mathematics assessments administered to
14 students in grades four and seven and science assessments administered
15 to students in grades five and eight. However, nothing in this section
16 requires a private school student to take the assessment. The
17 superintendent shall not pay for any costs the private school may incur
18 in administering the assessment at the private school, such as staff or
19 school administrative costs.

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