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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 required of
12 public school students and voluntary for students attending private
13 schools. The assessment lets students and their parents know the
14 student's progress in learning the skills and knowledge the state deems
15 necessary to become a responsible citizen and successfully live, learn,
16 and work in the twenty-first century.

17 (2)(a) Individual students attending private schools under chapter
18 28A.195 RCW may take the Washington assessment of student learning

1 through the local school district at district expense as part of the
2 district's ancillary services.

3 (b) If a significant number of students who attend the same private
4 school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW wish to take the Washington
5 assessment of student learning, the assessment contractor may provide
6 the assessment at the private school and may agree to have the private
7 school administer the assessment. The superintendent shall pay the
8 assessment contractor the cost of the test itself, including processing
9 the test to determine the results, for each student taking the
10 assessment under this subsection (2)(b). The superintendent shall not
11 pay for any costs the private school may incur in administering the
12 assessment at the private school, such as staff or school
13 administrative costs.

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