
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6466

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Tom, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Stevens, Delvin, Shin, and Carrell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to instruction in world languages; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A majority of students in Washington do not
5 have the opportunity to study any language other than English until
6 they are in middle school, or more often, in high school. Educational
7 systems of other nations, some of which are much less economically
8 developed than the United States, begin second language study in the
9 early elementary grades. Washington's economy is tied to world
10 marketplace. In order to develop a greater sense of the world's
11 culture and geography, ways for students at all levels to be provided
12 the opportunity to develop fluency in a second language should be
13 explored.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A task force is created to conduct an
15 inventory of world language programs, curricula, supplementary
16 materials, and professional development initiatives currently used in
17 Washington. The task force shall make recommendations to establish the

1 system to support Washington students to learn a world language. At a
2 minimum, the task force shall identify strategies to address the
3 following three critical needs:

- 4 (a) Creating a supply of qualified language teachers;
- 5 (b) Increasing the number and quality of school programs; and
- 6 (c) Developing appropriate curriculum, materials, and assessments,
7 including technology-based delivery systems.

8 (2) Members of the task force shall include representatives from
9 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, professional
10 educator standards board, higher education, the Washington state school
11 directors' association, the Washington education association, the
12 association of Washington school principals, and world language
13 nonprofit organizations.

14 (3) The task force shall report its findings to appropriate
15 committees of the legislature by January 1, 2010.

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