Finds that accountability for meeting high standards of student achievement should be expected from individual students, schools, school districts, and educators, as well as state officials and the legislature.

Finds that the state and the overall system of public schools should be expected to demonstrate that the necessary instruction, support, and resources are being provided to students to enable them to meet the higher standards before consequences are imposed on individual students.

Declares an intent to create the Washington state report card for education based on statewide goals for improving academic achievement, increasing high school graduation, reducing the achievement gap, increasing per pupil funding, and reducing class size. The Washington state report card for education will serve as a mechanism to hold the state and the system of public schools accountable for their performance on the statewide goals, each of which must be reached before students are held individually accountable for their performance on the Washington assessment of student learning.