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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6132**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wellman, Zeiger, Chase, and Hasegawa; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

AN ACT Relating to the second grade reading assessments; amending RCW 28A.300.310; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; recodifying RCW 28A.300.310; and repealing RCW 28A.300.320.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 28A.300.310 and 1999 c 373 s 101 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) ((~~The superintendent of public instruction shall identify a collection of reading passages and assessment procedures that can be used to measure second grade oral reading accuracy and fluency skills.~~)) The purpose of the second grade oral reading assessment is to provide information to parents, teachers, and school administrators on the level of acquisition of oral reading accuracy, comprehension, and fluency skills of each student at the beginning of second grade. The assessment procedures and ((~~each of the~~)) any reading passages ((~~in the collection~~)) administered must:

(a) Provide a reliable and valid measure of a student's oral reading accuracy, comprehension, and fluency skills;

(b) Be able to be individually administered;

(c) Have been approved by a panel of nationally recognized professionals in the area of beginning reading, whose work has been published in peer-reviewed education research journals, and professionals in the area of measurement and assessment; and

(d) Assess student skills in recognition of letter sounds, phonemic awareness, word recognition, and reading connected text. Text used for the test of fluency, and comprehension, must be ordered in relation to difficulty.

(2) ((~~The superintendent of public instruction shall select reading passages for use by schools and school districts participating in pilot projects under RCW 28A.300.320 during the 1997-98 school year. The final collection must be selected by June 30, 1998. The superintendent of public instruction may add reading passages to the initial list if the passages are comparable in format to the initial passages approved by the expert panel in subsection (1) of this section.~~

~~(3)~~)) School districts must select a second grade oral reading assessment which must be annually administered each fall.

(3) If a student scores substantially below grade level according to the publisher's guidelines then the student must be assessed at least one more time during the second grade.

(4) Each school must have the second grade oral reading assessment results available by the fall parent-teacher conferences. Schools must notify parents about the second grade reading assessment during the conferences, inform the parents of their students' performance on the assessment, identify actions the school intends to take to improve the child's reading skills, and provide parents with strategies to help the parents improve their child's score.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction ((~~shall develop a~~)) may provide an estimated per-pupil cost for ((~~the~~)) second grade oral reading assessments ((~~in the collection that details the costs for administering the assessments, booklets, scoring, and training required to reliably administer the test~~)) aligned to the Washington state learning standards. To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public instruction shall ((~~pay for the cost of administering and scoring the assessments, booklets or other assessment material, and training required to administer the test~~)) provide districts with funds to purchase assessment materials and professional learning for educators about the district's reading assessment system for the second grade.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  RCW 28A.300.320 (Second grade reading assessment—Pilot projects—Assessment selection—Assessment results) and 1999 c 373 s 102, 1998 c 319 s 201, & 1997 c 262 s 3 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  RCW 28A.300.310 is recodified as a section in chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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