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By Senators Roach and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to transitional bilingual instruction; and amending
2 RCW 28A.180.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.180.030 and 1990 c 33 s 164 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 As used in RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080, unless the context
7 thereof indicates to the contrary:

8 (1) "Transitional bilingual instruction" means:

9 (a) A system of instruction which uses two languages, one of which
10 is English, as a means of instruction to build upon and expand language
11 skills to enable the pupil to achieve competency in English. Concepts
12 and information are introduced in the primary language and reinforced
13 in the second language: PROVIDED, That the program shall include
14 testing in the subject matter in English; ~~((or))~~

15 ~~((In those cases in which the use of two languages is not
16 practicable as established by the superintendent of public instruction
17 and unless otherwise prohibited by law, an alternative))~~ A system of
18 instruction which may include English as a second language and is
19 designed to enable the pupil to achieve competency in English; or

1 (c) Other methods of instruction approved by the superintendent of
2 public instruction designed to enable the pupil to achieve competency
3 in English.

4 (2) "Primary language" means the language most often used by the
5 student for communication in his/her home.

6 (3) "Eligible pupil" means any enrollee of the school district
7 whose primary language is other than English and whose English language
8 skills are sufficiently deficient or absent to impair learning.

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