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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington assessment of student learning;
2 amending RCW 28A.230.195 and 28A.655.090; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

5 (1) Washington has been following a path of education reform since
6 the implementation of chapter 336, Laws of 1993;

7 (2) Washington's students will be held to higher standards than
8 ever before, standards they must meet in order to receive a high school
9 diploma;

10 (3) Parents or guardians often have the strongest influence on a
11 child's learning and development and should be welcomed to participate
12 in the education of their child;

13 (4) Parents or guardians should have access to the scored
14 Washington assessment of student learning booklet used by their child
15 for this state-mandated test. Giving parents or guardians access to
16 the scored test booklets will allow parents or guardians to be active
17 participants in the education of their child. Not only will parents or
18 guardians have a better understanding of what their child is learning
19 in school, they will also have a clear picture of how curriculum is

1 being directed in their school building to meet the state's new
2 standards.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.230.195 and 1999 c 373 s 603 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) If students' scores on the test or assessments under RCW
6 28A.230.190, 28A.230.230, and (~~28A.630.885~~) 28A.655.060 indicate that
7 students need help in identified areas, the school district shall
8 evaluate its instructional practices and make appropriate adjustments.

9 (2) Each school district shall notify the parents of each student
10 of their child's performance on the test and assessments conducted
11 under this chapter.

12 (3) After data are complete and accurate, Washington assessment of
13 student learning test booklets shall be redistributed to schools.
14 Schools shall make available each student's test booklet to that
15 student's parent or guardian and teacher.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.655.090 and 1999 c 388 s 301 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) By September 10, 1998, and by September 10th each year
19 thereafter, the superintendent of public instruction shall report to
20 schools, school districts, and the legislature on the results of the
21 Washington assessment of student learning and state-mandated norm-
22 referenced standardized tests.

23 (2) The reports shall include the assessment results by school and
24 school district, and include changes over time. For the Washington
25 assessment of student learning, results shall be reported as follows:

26 (a) The percentage of students meeting the standards;

27 (b) The percentage of students performing at each level of the
28 assessment; and

29 (c) A learning improvement index that shows changes in student
30 performance within the different levels of student learning reported on
31 the Washington assessment of student learning.

32 (3) The reports shall contain data regarding the different
33 characteristics of schools, such as poverty levels, percent of English
34 as a second language students, dropout rates, attendance, percent of
35 students in special education, and student mobility so that districts
36 and schools can learn from the improvement efforts of other schools and
37 districts with similar characteristics.

1 (4) The reports shall contain student scores on mandated tests by
2 comparable Washington schools of similar characteristics.

3 (5) The reports shall contain information on public school choice
4 options available to students, including vocational education.

5 (6) The reports shall be posted on the superintendent of public
6 instruction's internet web site.

7 (7) To protect the privacy of students, the results of schools and
8 districts that test fewer than ten students in a grade level shall not
9 be reported. In addition, in order to ensure that results are reported
10 accurately, the superintendent of public instruction shall maintain the
11 confidentiality of state-wide data files until the superintendent
12 determines that the data are complete and accurate.

13 (8) After data are complete and accurate, Washington assessment of
14 student learning test booklets shall be redistributed to schools.
15 Schools shall make available each student's test booklet to that
16 student's parent or guardian and teacher.

17 (9) The superintendent of public instruction shall monitor the
18 percentage and number of special education and limited English-
19 proficient students exempted from taking the assessments by schools and
20 school districts to ensure the exemptions are in compliance with
21 exemption guidelines.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The academic achievement and accountability
23 commission, in conjunction with the superintendent of public
24 instruction, shall determine whether the test bank of questions for the
25 Washington assessment of student learning needs to be expanded and
26 shall report its findings to the legislature by September 1, 2000.

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