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Brief Description: Creating a small schools pilot project.

HB 2752 - DIGEST

Recognizes that a large and growing body of research supports the premise that all students learn more, perform better, and exhibit more responsible and respectful behavior in schools where they are known personally and as individuals by the adults in the school.

Establishes a personalized schools research and development program to study the extent to which personalized schools can result in increased academic and personal achievement for students in public schools. The program is intended to determine the capacity of personalized schools to promote higher academic achievement, as measured by performance on the Washington assessment of student learning, and personal achievement, as measured by retention and graduation rates, student behavior, student, parent, and teacher satisfaction, and other relevant data.

Declares an intent for this pilot program to operate five full school years, to include evaluation of personalized schools, and to publish and disseminate the results of the project's research and findings for the benefit of the entire state.

Makes an appropriation of one million eight hundred thousand dollars from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to carry out the purposes of this act.