
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6132

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

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

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.310 and 1999 c 373 s 101 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

18 (b) Be able to be individually administered;

19 (c) Have been approved by a panel of nationally recognized
20 professionals in the area of beginning reading, whose work has been

1 published in peer-reviewed education research journals, and
2 professionals in the area of measurement and assessment; and

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

7 ~~(2) ((The superintendent of public instruction shall select
8 reading passages for use by schools and school districts
9 participating in pilot projects under RCW 28A.300.320 during the
10 1997-98 school year. The final collection must be selected by June
11 30, 1998. The superintendent of public instruction may add reading
12 passages to the initial list if the passages are comparable in format
13 to the initial passages approved by the expert panel in subsection
14 (1) of this section.~~

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

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

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

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.320 (Second grade reading
2 assessment—Pilot projects—Assessment selection—Assessment results)
3 and 1999 c 373 s 102, 1998 c 319 s 201, & 1997 c 262 s 3 are each
4 repealed.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.300.310 is recodified as a section
6 in chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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