

**HB 1068** - H AMD  
By Representative Cox

1 Beginning on page 1, line 14, strike all of section 2 and  
2 insert the following:

3 "Sec. 2. RCW 28A.230.190 and 1999 c 373 s 201 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) School districts shall assess students for second grade  
6 reading accuracy and fluency skills starting in the 1998-99 school  
7 year as provided in RCW 28A.300.320.

8 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and  
9 conduct, with the assistance of school districts, a norm-referenced  
10 standardized achievement test ((~~to~~)) that, at the option of school  
11 districts, may be given annually to all pupils in grade three at  
12 state expense. The test shall assess students' basic skills in  
13 reading and mathematics. Results of such tests and relevant  
14 student, school, and district characteristics shall be compiled  
15 annually by the superintendent of public instruction, who shall  
16 make those results available annually to the public, to the  
17 legislature, to all local school districts, and subsequently to  
18 parents of those children tested. The results shall allow parents  
19 to ascertain the achievement levels of their children as compared  
20 with the other students within the district, the state, and the  
21 nation.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.230.193 and 1999 c 373 s 301 are each amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and  
25 conduct, with the assistance of school districts, a norm-referenced  
26 standardized achievement test ((~~to~~)) that, at the option of school  
27 districts, may be given annually to all pupils in grade six at  
28 state expense. The test shall assess students' basic skills in  
29 reading/language arts and mathematics. Results of such tests and  
30 relevant student, school, and district characteristics shall be

1 compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, who shall  
2 make those results available annually to the public, to the  
3 legislature, to all local school districts, and subsequently to  
4 parents of those children tested. The results shall allow parents  
5 to ascertain the achievement levels of their children as compared  
6 with the other students within the district, the state, and the  
7 nation.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.230.230 and 1999 c 373 s 401 are each amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and  
11 conduct, with the assistance of school districts, an annual norm-  
12 referenced standardized achievement assessment ((of all)) that, at  
13 the option of school districts, may be given to students in the  
14 ninth grade at state expense. The purposes of the assessment are  
15 to assist students, parents, and teachers in the planning and  
16 selection of appropriate high school courses for students and to  
17 provide information about students' current academic proficiencies  
18 both in the basic skills of reading/language arts and mathematics,  
19 and in the reasoning and thinking skills essential for successful  
20 entry into those courses required for high school graduation. The  
21 assessment shall also include the collection of information about  
22 students' interests and plans for high school and beyond and shall  
23 include the collection of other related student and school  
24 information. The superintendent of public instruction shall make  
25 the results of the assessment and relevant student, school, and  
26 district characteristics available annually to the public, to the  
27 legislature, and to all school districts, which shall in turn make  
28 them available to students, parents, and teachers in a timely  
29 fashion.

30 (2) Upon request, the superintendent of public instruction  
31 shall make available to requesting school districts the inventory  
32 used to collect information about students' interests and plans for  
33 high school and beyond for use by students in the eighth grade. To  
34 the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent shall provide  
35 the inventory, tabulation services, and reporting at no cost or at  
36 reduced cost to school districts."

37 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** School districts may continue to administer norm-referenced assessments to third, sixth, and ninth grade students at state expense.