

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2870

60th Legislature
2008 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 13, 2008
Yeas 95 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 6, 2008
Yeas 47 Nays 2

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2870** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Liiias, Sullivan, Ericks, Williams, Loomis, Simpson, Ormsby, Miloscia, Hasegawa, Roberts, Santos, Quall, and Nelson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/12/08.

1 AN ACT Relating to professional development for instructional
2 assistants; adding a new section to chapter 28A.415 RCW; and creating
3 new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that classified
6 instructional assistants are key partners with classroom teachers in
7 improving student achievement. Research on rigorous reading programs,
8 including the reading first programs in our own state, proves that when
9 instructional assistants are skilled, well-trained in a particular
10 intervention, and positively supported by the classroom teacher or
11 coach, they can have a significant impact on student reading
12 attainment. The legislature further finds that school district
13 practice provides sufficient evidence of the need for instructional
14 assistants. Statewide, school districts relied on more than nineteen
15 thousand classified instructional assistants, equal to nearly ten
16 thousand full-time equivalent staff, during the 2006-07 school year.
17 Therefore, the legislature intends to support instructional assistants
18 by providing opportunities for high quality professional development to
19 make them more effective partners in the classroom.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.415
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
4 consultation with various groups representing school district
5 classified employees, shall develop and offer a training strand through
6 the summer institutes and the winter conference targeted to classified
7 instructional assistants and designed to help them maximize their
8 effectiveness in improving student achievement.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
10 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
11 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
12 void.

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