

SB 6538 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Creates the Washington state adolescent reading program.

Requires that, statewide, a reading specialist shall be hired at each educational service district, with two specialists hired in the Puget Sound educational service district. These reading specialists are responsible for providing training and information to school district curriculum directors, middle, junior high, and high school principals, classroom teachers, English language learner teachers, paraprofessionals who assist students in learning to read, and other individuals who are assisting students to read.

Orders the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create a school-based assistance program that has three different levels of support depending on the number of students who have not met the reading standard on the Washington assessment of student learning.