

SHB 2381 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.222 and 2019 c 274 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to waivers authorized under RCW 28A.300.750, the
6 superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with the criteria
7 in subsection (2) of this section and criteria adopted by the state
8 board of education under subsection (3) of this section, may grant
9 waivers of the requirement for a (~~one hundred eighty-day~~) 180-day
10 school year under RCW 28A.150.220 to school districts that propose to
11 operate one or more schools on a flexible calendar for purposes of
12 economy and efficiency as provided in this section. The requirement
13 under RCW 28A.150.220 that school districts offer minimum
14 instructional hours may not be waived.

15 (2) A school district seeking a waiver under this section must
16 submit an application to the superintendent of public instruction
17 that includes:

18 (a) A proposed calendar for the school day and school year that
19 demonstrates how the instructional hour requirement will be
20 maintained;

21 (b) An explanation and estimate of the economies and efficiencies
22 to be gained from compressing the instructional hours into fewer than
23 (~~one hundred eighty~~) 180 days;

24 (c) An explanation of how monetary savings from the proposal will
25 be redirected to support student learning;

26 (d) A summary of comments received at one or more public hearings
27 on the proposal and how concerns will be addressed;

28 (e) An explanation of the impact on students who rely upon free
29 and reduced-price school child nutrition services and the impact on
30 the ability of the child nutrition program to operate an economically
31 independent program;

1 (f) An explanation of the impact on employees in education
2 support positions, including expected position and work hour
3 reductions, reductions in force, and the loss of work benefits or
4 eligibility for work benefits, and the ability to recruit and retain
5 employees in education support positions;

6 (g) An explanation of the impact on students whose parents work
7 during the missed school day; and

8 (h) Other information that the superintendent of public
9 instruction may request to assure that the proposed flexible calendar
10 will not adversely affect student learning.

11 (3) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing
12 the criteria to evaluate waiver requests under this section. A waiver
13 may be effective for up to three years and may be renewed for
14 subsequent periods of three or fewer years. After each school year in
15 which a waiver has been granted under this section, the
16 superintendent of public instruction must analyze empirical evidence
17 to determine whether the reduction is affecting student learning. If
18 the superintendent of public instruction determines that student
19 learning is adversely affected, the school district must discontinue
20 the flexible calendar as soon as possible but not later than the
21 beginning of the next school year after the superintendent of public
22 instruction's determination.

23 (4) The superintendent of public instruction may grant waivers
24 authorized under this section to (~~ten~~) 30 or fewer school districts
25 with student populations of less than (~~five hundred~~) 1,000
26 students. (~~Of the ten waivers that may be granted, two must be~~
27 ~~reserved for districts with student populations of less than one~~
28 ~~hundred fifty students.~~)"

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29 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "waivers;" strike the
30 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28A.150.222."

EFFECT: Provides that the Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant economy and efficiency waivers to 30 or fewer qualifying school districts.

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