

2 **E2SHB 1941** - S AMD - 335  
3 By Senators Johnson and McAuliffe

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the ability to  
8 read with comprehension and skill is essential for success in school,  
9 and for success in future life. It is the intent of the legislature to  
10 improve student learning by focusing on reading literacy in our public  
11 schools. The legislature encourages the school districts that are  
12 ready to use the reading assessment system developed by the commission  
13 on student learning under RCW 28A.630.885 to use the system and the  
14 information provided from the assessments as tools to evaluate  
15 instructional practices and to initiate appropriate educational support  
16 for students who have not mastered the essential academic learning  
17 requirements in reading.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) The elementary grades assessment developed by the commission on  
21 student learning under RCW 28A.630.885 shall be designed to assess  
22 students for reading literacy skills no later than the spring of third  
23 grade and at other appropriate grade levels.

24 (2) Elementary schools that are ready to begin implementing the  
25 third grade reading assessment system are encouraged to begin  
26 implementation in the 1996-97 school year.

27 (3) The information provided by the third grade reading assessment  
28 shall be used by educators as tools to evaluate instructional  
29 practices, and to initiate appropriate educational support for students  
30 who have not mastered the essential academic learning requirements for  
31 reading.

32 (4) Districts that implement the third grade reading assessment  
33 shall report the results of their participation to the commission on  
34 student learning. The commission on student learning shall include the

1 results of the report in its annual report to the joint select  
2 committee on education restructuring and to the legislature.

3 (5) This section shall expire June 30, 2000."

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7 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "literacy;" strike the  
8 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
9 28A.630 RCW; and a creating new section."

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