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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. As we enter into the twenty-first  
10 century, the ability to read is critical to personal and family  
11 prosperity. It is the intent of the legislature to improve student  
12 learning by focusing on reading literacy in our public schools.

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

15 (1) The elementary grades assessment developed by the commission on  
16 student learning under RCW 28A.630.885(3)(b)(i) shall require that all  
17 public school students are assessed for reading literacy skills in the  
18 third grade no later than March 31st.

19 (2) The reading assessment in subsection (1) of this section shall  
20 be available for use by elementary schools no later than the 1996-97  
21 school year. Elementary schools are encouraged to begin implementation  
22 of the assessment in the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years.

23 (3) Notwithstanding the assessment implementation dates in RCW  
24 28A.630.885, the reading assessment in subsection (1) of this section  
25 shall be implemented state-wide to all public school third-grade  
26 students in the 1998-99 school year.

27 (4) The information provided by the reading assessment shall be  
28 used by educators as a tool to evaluate instructional practices and to  
29 initiate appropriate educational support for students who have not  
30 mastered the essential academic learning requirements for reading. The  
31 type of support to be provided to students shall be determined by  
32 school districts. School districts shall periodically reassess  
33 students who have not mastered the essential academic learning  
34 requirements for reading, and shall continue to provide appropriate  
35 reading support for students who have not mastered these essential

1 academic learning requirements. The results of the reading assessment  
2 shall not be used for school or school district accountability  
3 purposes."

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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 creating a new section."

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