

2 **E2SHB 1941** - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Education

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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) The information provided by the reading assessment shall be  
25 used by educators as tools to evaluate instructional practices, and to  
26 initiate appropriate educational support for students who have not  
27 mastered the essential academic learning requirements for reading.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the office of the  
31 superintendent of public instruction and the commission on student  
32 learning shall jointly establish a pilot program for the reading  
33 assessment system for elementary grades developed under RCW  
34 28A.630.885. The program shall provide additional student learning

1 improvement grants for elementary schools in one small school district,  
2 one medium-sized school district, and one large school district that  
3 are each ready to begin implementing the reading assessment system.  
4 The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for additional time and  
5 resources for site-based planning activities and staff development and  
6 planning to support the implementation of the reading assessment system  
7 and to improve reading literacy of students.

8 (2) To the extent funds are appropriated, and for allocation  
9 purposes only, the amount of grants for the 1995-96 and 1996-97 school  
10 years shall be based on time equivalent to one day and on the number of  
11 full-time equivalent certificated staff who work in the elementary  
12 school. Funds from the grant may be used to pay for staff development  
13 and planning for certificated and classified staff and site-based  
14 planning activities to implement the reading assessment system and  
15 improve reading literacy. Use of the funds shall be governed by RCW  
16 28A.300.138.

17 (3) Districts participating in the reading assessment pilot program  
18 shall report the results of their participation to the commission on  
19 student learning. The commission on student learning shall include the  
20 results of the report in its annual report to the joint select  
21 committee on education restructuring and to the legislature.

22 (4) This section shall expire June 30, 2000.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
24 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,  
25 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

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29 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "literacy;" strike the  
30 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter  
31 28A.630 RCW; and creating new sections."

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