
SENATE BILL 5178

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1 AN ACT Relating to correcting references to the third grade
2 standardized achievement test; and amending RCW 28A.165.030 and
3 28A.300.295.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.165.030 and 1990 c 33 s 148 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout RCW 28A.165.010 through 28A.165.090.

9 (1) "Basic skills" means reading, mathematics, and language arts as
10 well as readiness activities associated with such skills.

11 (2) "Placement testing" means the administration of objective
12 measures by a school district for the purposes of diagnosing the basic
13 skills achievement levels, determining the basic skills areas of
14 greatest need, and establishing the learning assistance needs of
15 individual students in conformance with instructions established by the
16 superintendent of public instruction for such purposes.

17 (3) "Approved program" means a program conducted pursuant to a plan
18 submitted by a district and approved by the superintendent of public
19 instruction under RCW 28A.165.040.

1 (4) "Participating student" means a student in kindergarten through
2 grade nine who scores below grade level in basic skills, as determined
3 by placement testing, and who is identified under RCW 28A.165.050 to
4 receive additional services or support under an approved program.

5 (5) "Basic skills tests" means state-wide tests at the (~~fourth and~~
6 ~~eighth~~) third grade level(~~s~~) established pursuant to RCW 28A.230.190
7 and eighth grade level established pursuant to RCW 28A.230.230.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.295 and 1996 c 273 s 2 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a grant
11 program to provide incentives for teachers, schools, and school
12 districts to use the identified programs on the approved list in grades
13 kindergarten through four. Schools, school districts, and educational
14 service districts may apply for grants. Funds for the grants shall be
15 used for in-service training and instructional materials. Grants shall
16 be awarded and funds distributed not later than June 30, 1997, for
17 programs in the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years. Priority shall be
18 given to grant applications involving schools and school districts with
19 the lowest mean percentile scores on the state-wide (~~fourth~~) third
20 grade (~~assessment~~) test required under RCW 28A.230.190 among grant
21 applicants.

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