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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program for electronic administration of
2 the Washington assessment of student learning; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.300 RCW; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 A pilot program for a limited number of school districts to
9 administer retakes of the Washington assessment of student learning is
10 established.

11 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop or
12 contract to develop an electronic version of the Washington assessment
13 of student learning.

14 (2) No later than June 15, 2004, the superintendent shall use the
15 minimum eligibility criteria provided by this section to determine
16 which school districts will participate in the program.

17 (3) Interested school districts shall apply no later than May 15,
18 2004, to the superintendent of public instruction to participate in the

1 pilot program. To be eligible to participate in the pilot program a
2 school district shall meet the following minimum requirements:

3 (a) Demonstrate that the district has a sufficient number of
4 computers that are appropriate to access the electronic version of the
5 Washington assessment of student learning for the estimated number of
6 students who will need to retake the assessment; and

7 (b) Agree to participate in an evaluation of the pilot program.

8 (4)(a) The superintendent of public instruction shall conduct an
9 evaluation of the pilot program. At a minimum, the evaluation shall
10 address the effectiveness of electronic administration of the
11 Washington assessment of student learning in relation to the current
12 paper-based administration of the assessment, including the following:

- 13 (i) The efficient use of resources;
- 14 (ii) The cost of administration;
- 15 (iii) The timeliness of getting the student scores back to the
16 student and to the school district;
- 17 (iv) Any security issues; and
- 18 (v) Any confidentiality issues.

19 (b) The evaluation shall include recommendations on whether or not
20 the use of the electronic version of the Washington assessment of
21 student learning should be expanded to the entire state.

22 (c) By December 1, 2007, the superintendent of public instruction
23 shall provide a report to the house of representatives and senate
24 education committees regarding the results of the evaluation.

25 (5) This section expires July 1, 2007.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
29 immediately.

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