

HB 3127 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that expanding activity in educational research, educational restructuring, and educational improvement initiatives has produced and continues to produce much valuable information.

Finds that such information should be shared with the citizens and educational community of the state as widely as possible.

Finds that students and schools benefit from increased parental, guardian, and community knowledge of and input regarding the delivery of public education.

Finds that increased knowledge of and input regarding the public education system is particularly needed in low-income and ethnic minority communities.

Finds that the center for the improvement of student learning, created by the legislature in 1993 under the auspices of the superintendent of public instruction, has not been allocated funding since the 2001-2003 biennium, and in effect no longer exists.

Declares an intent to reassign the authority and duties of the center for the improvement of student learning from the superintendent of public instruction to the governor, and to create within the center an educational ombudsman to serve as a resource center for parents and students and as an advocate for students in the public education system.