

**HB 2635-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides the superintendent shall designate an individual to serve as the statewide chair and be a nonvoting member of each regional committee created under RCW 28A.315.015. The statewide chair designated under this act shall be an employee or a contractor of the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The purpose of designating a statewide chair is to ensure conformity of the regional committees to legal procedures and rules regarding the committees' consideration of petitions; provide consistency in the application of laws, rules, criteria, and procedures across the state; offer expertise in issues related to school district organization; and provide expertise in managing meetings and conducting public hearings to enhance the deliberation of regional committees. The statewide chair shall also provide training for members of regional committees, including coordinating any training offered under RCW 28A.315.185, and provide assistance to educational service district superintendents in carrying out the responsibilities assigned under this act.