

SB 6314-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that beginning with the 2012-13 school year and each school year thereafter, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall distribute a per student allocation to school districts based on the number of full-time equivalent students. This funding is intended to allow school districts to institute and sustain arts instruction, arts-infused curriculum, and related arts programs and projects in public schools, which could include professional development for classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and principals in order to continue the curriculum, programs, and projects in the future.

Requires curriculum, programs, and projects funded by school districts with their per student allocation provided in this act to be developed in alignment with the state essential academic learning requirements in the arts, and to assist students to make connections within and across the arts to other disciplines, to learn about other cultures, and to strengthen communities through the use of the arts.

Creates the school arts programs account in the state treasury. Receipts from the state lottery, as provided in RCW 67.70.240(6) must be deposited in the account.

Requires by December 1, 2012, the office of the superintendent of public instruction to submit a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature on the amounts of per student allocations from this act to school districts for art programs, summary information on how school districts utilized the per student allocations, and the impact of the programs and activities resulting from these allocations on student outcomes.