

SHB 1829 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

4 (1) Leadership, technical assistance, and advocacy is important to
5 promoting the academic success of all students, particularly including
6 American Indian and Alaska Native students;

7 (2) American Indian and Alaska Native students make up two and one-
8 half percent of the total student population in the state and twenty-
9 five percent or more of the student population in fifty-seven schools
10 across the state;

11 (3) The annual dropout rate for American Indian and Alaska Native
12 students has hovered around ten or eleven percent over the past three
13 school years and, while the on-time graduation rate for these students
14 has improved between the 2006-07 and 2008-09 school years, it is still
15 only fifty-two and seven-tenths percent; and

16 (4) Despite the passage of House Bill No. 1495 in 2005, with its
17 goal of educating citizens of the state about tribal history, culture,
18 treaty rights, contemporary tribal and state government institutions
19 and relations, and the contribution of American Indians and Alaska
20 Natives to the state, that goal has yet to be achieved in many schools.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) To the extent funds are available, an Indian education
24 division, to be known as the office of Native education, is created
25 within the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The
26 superintendent shall appoint an individual to be responsible for the
27 office of Native education.

28 (2) To the extent state funds are available, with additional

1 support of federal and local funds where authorized by law, the office
2 of Native education shall:

3 (a) Provide assistance to school districts in meeting the
4 educational needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students;

5 (b) Facilitate the development and implementation of curricula and
6 instructional materials in native languages, culture and history, and
7 the concept of tribal sovereignty pursuant to RCW 28A.320.170;

8 (c) Provide assistance to districts in the acquisition of funding
9 to develop curricula and instructional materials in conjunction with
10 native language practitioners and tribal elders;

11 (d) Coordinate technical assistance for public schools that serve
12 American Indian and Alaska Native students;

13 (e) Seek funds to develop, in conjunction with the Washington state
14 native American education advisory committee, and implement the
15 following support services for the purposes of both increasing the
16 number of American Indian and Alaska Native teachers and principals and
17 providing continued professional development for educational
18 assistants, teachers, and principals serving American Indian and Alaska
19 Native students:

20 (i) Recruitment and retention;

21 (ii) Academic transition programs;

22 (iii) Academic financial support;

23 (iv) Teacher preparation;

24 (v) Teacher induction; and

25 (vi) Professional development;

26 (f) Facilitate the inclusion of native language programs in school
27 districts' curricula;

28 (g) Work with all relevant agencies and committees to highlight the
29 need for accurate, useful data that is appropriately disaggregated to
30 provide a more accurate picture regarding American Indian and Alaska
31 Native students; and

32 (h) Report to the governor, the legislature, and the governor's
33 office of Indian affairs on an annual basis, beginning in December
34 2012, regarding the state of Indian education and the implementation of
35 all state laws regarding Indian education, specifically noting system
36 successes and accomplishments, deficiencies, and needs.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 The Native education public-private partnership account is created
4 in the custody of the state treasurer. The purpose of the account is
5 to support the activities of the office of Native education within the
6 office of the superintendent of public instruction under section 2 of
7 this act. Receipts from any appropriations made by the legislature for
8 the purposes of section 2 of this act, federal funds, gifts or grants
9 from the private sector or foundations, and other sources must be
10 deposited into the account. Only the superintendent of public
11 instruction or the superintendent's designee may authorize expenditures
12 from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
13 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
14 expenditures."

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15 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "instruction;" strike the
16 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
17 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new section."

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