CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

### SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2381

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## Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 1, 2024 Yeas 49 Nays 0

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2381** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Approved

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Secretary of State State of Washington

Governor of the State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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# State of Washington 68th Legislature 2024 Regular Session

**By** House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives McEntire, Shavers, and Chapman; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing eligibility for economy and 2 efficiency flexible school calendar waivers; and amending RCW 3 28A.150.222.

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

5 Sec. 1. RCW 28A.150.222 and 2019 c 274 s 1 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to waivers authorized under RCW 28A.300.750, the 8 superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with the criteria 9 in subsection (2) of this section and criteria adopted by the state 10 board of education under subsection (3) of this section, may grant 11 waivers of the requirement for a ((<del>one hundred eighty-day</del>)) 180-day 12 school year under RCW 28A.150.220 to school districts that propose to operate one or more schools on a flexible calendar for purposes of 13 14 economy and efficiency as provided in this section. The requirement 15 RCW 28A.150.220 that school districts offer under minimum 16 instructional hours may not be waived.

17 (2) A school district seeking a waiver under this section must 18 submit an application to the superintendent of public instruction 19 that includes:

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(a) A proposed calendar for the school day and school year that
 demonstrates how the instructional hour requirement will be
 maintained;

4 (b) An explanation and estimate of the economies and efficiencies
5 to be gained from compressing the instructional hours into fewer than
6 ((one hundred eighty)) <u>180</u> days;

7 (c) An explanation of how monetary savings from the proposal will
8 be redirected to support student learning;

9 (d) A summary of comments received at one or more public hearings 10 on the proposal and how concerns will be addressed;

(e) An explanation of the impact on students who rely upon free and reduced-price school child nutrition services and the impact on the ability of the child nutrition program to operate an economically independent program;

15 (f) An explanation of the impact on employees in education 16 support positions, including expected position and work hour 17 reductions, reductions in force, and the loss of work benefits or 18 eligibility for work benefits, and the ability to recruit and retain 19 employees in education support positions;

20 (g) An explanation of the impact on students whose parents work 21 during the missed school day; and

(h) Other information that the superintendent of public instruction may request to assure that the proposed flexible calendar will not adversely affect student learning.

25 (3) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the criteria to evaluate waiver requests under this section. A waiver 26 may be effective for up to three years and may be renewed for 27 28 subsequent periods of three or fewer years. After each school year in a waiver has been granted under this 29 which section, the superintendent of public instruction must analyze empirical evidence 30 31 to determine whether the reduction is affecting student learning. If 32 the superintendent of public instruction determines that student learning is adversely affected, the school district must discontinue 33 the flexible calendar as soon as possible but not later than the 34 beginning of the next school year after the superintendent of public 35 instruction's determination. 36

(4) The superintendent of public instruction may grant waivers authorized under this section to ((ten)) <u>30</u> or fewer school districts with student populations of less than ((five hundred)) <u>1,000</u> students. ((Of the ten waivers that may be granted, two must be

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- 1 reserved for districts with student populations of less than one
- 2 hundred fifty students.))

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