

2 **SHB 2418 - H AMD 961 FAILED 2-16-98**

3 By Representative

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) By June 30, 1999, the state board of education shall provide
10 the administration of a reading instruction competency assessment to
11 all persons seeking initial certification with primary responsibility
12 for instruction in elementary grades in the state. The assessment
13 shall measure the applicant's ability to teach beginning reading skills
14 effectively as demonstrated through instructional methodologies based
15 on reliable and replicable teaching strategies for beginning reading.

16 (2) The state board shall submit the proposed reading instruction
17 competency assessment to the education committees of the house of
18 representatives and senate for review before implementing the
19 assessment.

20 (3) The state board shall establish and each applicant must achieve
21 a minimum assessment score as a condition to being issued a teaching
22 certificate.

23 (4) The state board of education and the superintendent of public
24 instruction, as determined by the state board, may contract with one or
25 more third parties for:

26 (a) The development, purchase, administration, scoring, and
27 reporting of scores of the assessments established by the state board
28 under this section;

29 (b) Related clerical and administrative activities; or

30 (c) Any combination of the purposes in this subsection.

31 (5) The state board shall ensure that, at a minimum, teachers,
32 administrators, and representatives of institutions of higher education
33 participate in the development and implementation of the assessments."

1 Correct the title.

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