

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6574**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6574** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Johnson, Stevens, Wood, Winsley, Deccio, Schow, Oke, McCaslin, Rossi, Hochstatter, Swecker, Sellar, Morton, McDonald and Roach)

Read first time 02/06/98.

1            AN ACT Relating to the learning materials loan program; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 28A.195 RCW; creating a new section; and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature, in fulfilling its role as  
6 stated in the state Constitution, namely, that "It is the paramount  
7 duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all  
8 children residing within its borders...", finds that families with  
9 children enrolled in approved private schools are an integral part of  
10 fulfilling the state's educational mission.

11            The legislature further recognizes that a significant percentage of  
12 students attend approved private schools and frequently move between  
13 the state's publicly and privately funded schools. The parents of  
14 these children are subject to taxes and levies to fulfill the education  
15 provided through our common schools. In addition, these parents pay  
16 for student learning materials their child uses in the approved private  
17 school that would be free of additional charge in the common school.  
18 In acknowledgement of this additional burden and in recognizing the  
19 role of our state's approved private schools in helping to fulfill the

1 constitutional mandate to provide a basic education to our children,  
2 the legislature recognizes the need for equalization. The sole purpose  
3 of this act is to assist children, not schools.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.195  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Students attending state-approved private schools may receive  
7 loaned learning materials from the local school district in which the  
8 private school is located. To provide these materials to students,  
9 approved private schools shall submit annual requests for learning  
10 materials to the local school district in which the private school is  
11 located. The local school district may provide through a loan  
12 agreement the learning materials in accordance with the following  
13 guidelines:

14 (1) The local school district shall make a good faith effort to  
15 accommodate requests for learning materials.

16 (2) Learning materials support shall not be limited, in any way,  
17 based on a student's economic status.

18 (3) "Learning materials" means textbooks and workbooks.

19 (4) Only textbooks listed on the official adoption list of the  
20 local school district are eligible.

21 (5) Loaned learning materials shall neither promote nor deter  
22 sectarian or religious activities of the private school.

23 (6) No approved private school may be required to participate in  
24 learning materials support provided by the state.

25 (7) Only students who attend state-approved private schools are  
26 eligible for learning materials support.

27 (8) Student learning materials designed for religious instruction  
28 are not eligible for learning materials support.

29 (9) No laws or rules may be added beyond those already in existence  
30 as of January 1, 1998, that have a direct or indirect impact on the  
31 autonomy of the private school as a result of the student's receipt of  
32 learning materials support.

33 (10) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
34 adopt guidelines for effective implementation of this section.

35 (11) To assist the state, the office of the superintendent of  
36 public instruction may identify currently existing, nonsectarian,  
37 state-wide private school organizations to serve as the liaison with

1 the state for eligible private schools whose students are receiving or  
2 are interested in receiving loaned learning materials.

3 (12) Student learning materials loaned to students attending  
4 private schools under this section shall, at all times, be considered  
5 the property of the local school district.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect September 1, 1998.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its  
8 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
9 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
10 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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