

2042-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Johnson, Talcott and Hickel)

Brief Title: Providing pilot and grant programs for reading in the primary grades.

HB 2042-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to identify a collection of tests that can be used to measure second grade reading accuracy and fluency skills. The purpose of the second grade reading test is to provide information to parents, teachers, and school administrators on the level of acquisition of reading accuracy and fluency skills of each student at the beginning of second grade.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to create a pilot project to identify which second grade reading tests will be included in the final collection of tests that must be available by June 30, 1998.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to establish a primary grade reading grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to train teachers in teaching methods that have proven results gathered through quantitative research and to assist all students in beginning reading.

Provides that portions of the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Repeals RCW 28A.630.886.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2042-S

May 6, 1997

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 8, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2042 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to reading in the primary grades;"

This legislation replaces the current requirement for a third-grade reading test with a requirement for a second-grade reading test. It also establishes, under the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a grant program to train teachers and assist students in beginning reading, and requires the Superintendent to report biennially to the legislature beginning in 1999.

This legislation includes an emergency clause in section 8. Although this bill is important, it is not a matter for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 8 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2042.

With the exception of section 8, Engrossed Substitute House

Bill No. 2042 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor