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Brief Title: Establishing reading improvement programs.

HB 2419 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Provides that, beginning June 30, 1998, and every September 30th thereafter, all schools in which less than one-quarter of all students tested on the fourth grade assessment in reading met the state-wide standard, or in schools where average performance on the reading component of the state-wide standardized test required in RCW 28A.230.190 remained in the bottom quartile for the previous three years, shall develop a school-wide improvement plan that focuses on the improvement of reading performance throughout the school.

Provides that the center for the improvement of reading instruction is established within the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The center shall serve as a resource for school districts and schools to provide teachers and other professionals with information about the important body of knowledge and techniques available to enable them to help children become successful readers.