

2 **SSB 5418** - S AMD - 102
3 By Senator Stevens

4 NOT ADOPTED - ROLL CALL VOTE 23-25; 3/10/99

5 On page 10, after line 17, insert the following:

6 **"PROVIDING STATE ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS AND HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS**

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 601.** The legislature intends to provide
8 assistance to enhance the ability of basic education teachers to
9 address the needs and expectations of highly capable students in public
10 schools. The legislature further intends to stimulate development by
11 local schools and school districts of innovative and effective means of
12 serving highly capable students. The purpose of this act is to
13 increase the achievement of highly capable students by requiring
14 programs for highly capable students in basic education and providing
15 funding for such programs in all school districts in the state.

16 **Sec. 602.** RCW 28A.185.020 and 1990 c 33 s 168 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 ((Supplementary)) Funds ((as may)) shall be provided by the state
19 for ((this)) programs for highly capable students, in accordance with
20 RCW 28A.150.370, and shall be categorical funding on an excess cost
21 basis based upon a per student amount not to exceed three percent of
22 any district's full-time equivalent enrollment.

23 **Sec. 603.** RCW 28A.185.030 and 1984 c 278 s 13 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Local school districts ((may)) shall establish and operate, either
26 separately or jointly, programs for highly capable students. Such
27 authority shall include the right to employ and pay special instructors
28 and to operate such programs jointly with a public institution of
29 higher education. Local school districts ((which establish and operate
30 programs for highly capable students)) shall adopt identification
31 procedures and provide educational opportunities as follows:

32 (1) In accordance with rules ((and regulations)) adopted by the
33 superintendent of public instruction, school districts shall implement
34 procedures for nomination, assessment and selection of their most

1 highly capable students. Nominations shall be based upon data from
2 teachers, other staff, parents, students, and members of the community.
3 Assessment shall be based upon a review of each student's capability as
4 shown by multiple criteria intended to reveal, from a wide variety of
5 sources and data, each student's unique needs and capabilities.
6 Selection shall be made by a broadly based committee of professionals,
7 after consideration of the results of the multiple criteria assessment.

8 (2) Students selected pursuant to procedures outlined in this
9 section shall be provided, to the extent feasible, an educational
10 opportunity which takes into account each student's unique needs and
11 capabilities and the limits of the resources and program options
12 available to the district, including those options which can be
13 developed or provided by using funds allocated by the superintendent of
14 public instruction for that purpose.

15 **PART VII"**

16 Renumber the remaining parts and sections consecutively and correct
17 any internal references accordingly.

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21 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "28A.300.130," insert
22 "28A.185.020, 28A.185.030,"

EFFECT: Requiring and funding programs for highly capable
students.

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