

2 **SB 6418** - S AMD - 115

3 By Senators Zarelli, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe and Eide

4 ADOPTED 2/12/00

5 On page 1, beginning on line 16, after "(1)" strike all material
6 through "that:" on page 2, line 3, and insert the following:

7 "By September 2010, the state board of education shall determine
8 whether the high school assessment of the Washington assessment of
9 student learning is sufficiently reliable and valid so that successful
10 completion of the assessment shall lead to a certificate of mastery as
11 required under RCW 28A.655.060. The state board of education shall
12 determine that the assessment is reliable and valid only if the board
13 makes positive findings based on the following:"

14 On page 2, after line 21, insert the following:

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16 "(g) The development of the assessment meets accepted test
17 construction procedures;

18 (h) The content of the assessment represents an adequate sampling
19 of the academic subject being assessed;

20 (i) There is a correlation between the scores on the state-wide
21 standardized norm-reference assessment and the Washington assessment on
22 student learning;

23 (j) Scoring procedures are dependable and free from random errors
24 of measurement;

25 (k) The passing standards or cut-scores ensure reasonable student
26 proficiency and are empirically reliable; and

27 (l) There is a standardization of test administration."

28 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
29 references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Changes the criteria that the State Board of Education must use when making findings to determine whether the high school assessment is reliable and valid.