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By Representatives Lambert, Koster, Benson, Talcott, Cox, D. Schmidt, Esser, Lantz and Rockefeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington assessments of student learning;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.655  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that the Washington assessments of  
7 student learning for elementary, middle, and high school years are an  
8 important tool for students, parents, teachers, schools, and the state.  
9 These assessments are so important that the legislature encourages all  
10 students in the state to participate in the assessments, which are  
11 required of public school students and voluntary for students attending  
12 private schools and students receiving home-based education. The  
13 assessments let students and their parents know the student's progress  
14 in learning the skills and knowledge the state deems necessary to  
15 become a responsible citizen and successfully live, learn, and work in  
16 the twenty-first century.

17 (2) Students receiving home-based education under chapter 28A.200  
18 RCW may voluntarily take the Washington assessments of student learning  
19 through the local school district at district expense as part of the

1 district's ancillary services. The school district shall not regulate  
2 these students simply because they take the assessments.

3 (3)(a) Individual students attending private schools under chapter  
4 28A.195 RCW may take the Washington assessments of student learning  
5 through the local school district at district expense as part of the  
6 district's ancillary services.

7 (b) If a significant number of students who attend the same private  
8 school wish to take the Washington assessments of student learning, the  
9 assessment contractor may provide the assessments at the private school  
10 and may agree to have the private school administer the assessments.  
11 The superintendent shall pay the assessment contractor the cost of the  
12 test itself, including processing the test to determine the results,  
13 for each student taking the assessments under this subsection (3)(b).  
14 The superintendent shall not pay for any costs the private school may  
15 incur in administering the assessments at the private school, such as  
16 staff or school administrative costs.

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