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Brief Title: Changing school accountability and assistance provisions.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/11/99)

Establishes the Washington commission on educational accountability.

Requires that, by September 5, 2000, the Washington commission on educational accountability shall recommend accountability policies to the governor and to the education and fiscal committees of the house of representatives and senate.

Revises provisions relating to reporting results.

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated, the office of the superintendent of public instruction annually shall allocate accountability implementation funds to school districts.

Declares that, in order to increase the availability and quality of technical assistance state-wide, the superintendent of public instruction, subject to available funding, may employ school improvement coordinators and school improvement specialists to provide assistance to schools and districts. The improvement specialists shall serve on a rotating basis and shall not be permanent employees.

Declares that the mid-term goal of the state's accountability system is that eighty percent or more of all public school students state-wide meet the state standards on the Washington assessment of student learning within a decade after the administration of each assessment is required state-wide.

Declares that various sections of the bill are null and void if funding is not provided by June 30, 1999 in the omnibus appropriations act.