

2409-S2

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Brief Description: Encouraging character education programs in schools.

**HB 2409-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to encourage school districts to integrate character education into each school's curriculum.

Declares an intent that local communities, in partnership with schools or school districts, will have the responsibility for determining which character traits and values are included in each district or school's character education program.

Provides that, subject to legislative funding, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide to each school district that develops and implements a character education program in partnership with parents and the entire spectrum of stakeholders in its local community, under the provisions of RCW 28A.150.211, an amount for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, of one dollar per full-time equivalent elementary school student, however, each district shall receive at least two hundred dollars for each elementary school operated by the district.

Requires a school district that receives funding in accordance with this section to certify to the superintendent of public instruction that funds received were expended for the purposes of this act.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.