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Brief Description: Establishing a process to determine when the high school assessment is valid and reliable.

**SB 6418.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/12/00)

Provides that, by September 2010, the state board of education shall determine whether the high school assessment of the Washington assessment of student learning is sufficiently reliable and valid so that successful completion of the assessment shall lead to a certificate of mastery as required under RCW 28A.655.060.

Requires the state board of education to ensure that qualified students enrolled in approved private schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW, home-based instruction students under chapter 28A.200 RCW, and students who come from out-of-state shall not be discriminated against in any way or denied equal access or opportunities to any benefit or benefits provided by meeting the high school assessment standards and achieving the certificate of mastery, including admission to higher education institutions and job opportunities.

Directs the state board of education to consult with the superintendent of public instruction, the academic achievement and accountability commission, representatives of higher education, educators, school directors, students, parents, and interested citizens in preparing its findings under this act.