

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6809

As of February 7, 2002

Title: An act relating to the Washington assessment of student learning.

Brief Description: Regarding the Washington assessment of student learning.

Sponsors: Senators Hochstatter, Swecker, Stevens, Finkbeiner, Hewitt and Zarelli.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Education: 2/7/02.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Staff: Susan Mielke (786-7422)

Background: Current law requires school districts to administer the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) in reading, writing, communication (listening), and math at the fourth, seventh, and tenth grades. The science assessment at the middle and high school levels is required to be administered in the 2003-04 school year. There are statutory timelines for implementing the WASL in other subject areas, including science at the elementary level, and social studies, arts and health and fitness at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Summary of Bill: The WASL must include the following question: What do you think of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning?

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.