
HOUSE BILL 3137

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1 AN ACT Relating to education; adding a new section to chapter
2 28A.150 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds the children of
5 Washington state need and deserve high quality public schools that will
6 give all students the opportunity to meet the state's academic
7 standards and gain the knowledge and skill required to be successful
8 and contented citizens of the twenty-first century. A quality public
9 education system is also crucial for our state's future economic
10 success and prosperity. The legislature further finds that Washington
11 state made a major commitment to improved public education by passing
12 the Washington education reform act in 1993. That act established new,
13 higher standards of academic achievement for all students. It also
14 established new levels of accountability for students, teachers,
15 schools, and school districts. Finally, it promised management and
16 fiscal flexibility to school districts to help them use their ingenuity
17 to improve student learning and help all children meet the state's new
18 academic standards.

1 The legislature intends to take the next step toward education
2 reform by changing the basic education act to give all children the
3 opportunity to make at least one year's worth of academic growth for
4 each year they are enrolled in a Washington public school.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning September 1, 2006, basic education includes the
8 opportunity to attend a school in which ninety percent or more of
9 assessed students achieve at least one year's academic gain for each
10 year the students are enrolled in Washington's public schools. The
11 gain shall be measured by the results of the third, fourth, fifth,
12 sixth, seventh, eighth, and high school Washington assessments of
13 student learning in reading and mathematics.

14 (2) Beginning September 1, 2006, the superintendent of public
15 instruction shall annually report to school districts information on
16 the yearly academic gain of individual students as measured by the
17 assessments in subsection (1) of this section. The report shall
18 include the percentage of students in each assessed grade who achieved
19 at or above the one hundred ten percentile of the state standard and
20 the percentage of students who achieved at or below the eighty
21 percentile of the state standard in reading and in mathematics on the
22 Washington assessment of student learning.

23 (3) By October 31, 2005, the superintendent of public instruction
24 shall report to the governor and house of representatives and senate
25 education committees on any laws that need to be amended to ensure that
26 school districts have the tools and regulatory flexibility to provide
27 students with a basic education that includes the requirements of
28 subsection (1) of this section.

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