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Brief Description: Requiring tribal history and culture curriculum.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to develop, in collaboration with school district social studies teachers and with tribal education and cultural specialists, and make available to school districts a model curriculum for incorporating Washington's tribal history in the existing school district Washington state history and social studies curriculum. To the extent feasible, the curriculum should be designed so as to be easily incorporated into a district's history and social studies courses and integrated with other disciplines. The curriculum must be developed by January 30, 2005.

Directs school districts to collaborate with the government of the federally recognized Indian tribe whose reservation lands or traditional lands and territories are within or nearest to the boundaries of the district to supplement the state model curriculum with information regarding the tribe's history, culture, and government, and to the extent feasible, shall facilitate opportunities for cultural exchange with the tribe.