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Brief Description: Requiring tribal history and culture curriculum.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to develop and make available to school districts a model curriculum for incorporating Pacific Northwest Indian tribal histories into existing Washington state history and social studies courses. To the extent feasible, the curriculum should be designed so as to be easily integrated with other disciplines. The superintendent also shall develop a model tribal outreach program, including but not limited to communications, oral history projects, and cultural exchanges. The model curriculum and model outreach program shall be completed by December 31, 2004.

Encourages school districts to adopt the model curriculum and to adapt the curriculum to acknowledge and recognize local tribal history. School districts also are encouraged to supplement the curriculum with information regarding one or more local tribes, and to facilitate opportunities for cultural exchanges with local Indian tribes.

Requires school district boards of directors to report annually to the office of Indian education within the office of the superintendent of public instruction regarding the district's communications and activities with local Indian tribes.