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Brief Description: Providing standards for alternative learning experience programs.

**HB 2704 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Authorizes school districts to operate or provide through contract alternative learning experience programs for eligible full-time students or eligible part-time students who meet the provisions of RCW 28A.150.350. The programs: (1) Must address the diverse needs of students for courses of study provided in nontraditional learning environments;

(2) Must be supervised by certificated staff, who may be employed either by the school district or by a contractor selected by the school district;

(3) Must provide each student with direct personal contact at least weekly with certificated staff designated by either the school district or by the contractor with the approval of the school district;

(4) Must assess the educational progress of enrolled students at least annually, using, for full-time students, the state assessment provided for the student's grade level, and using any other annual assessments required by the school district. Part-time students must also be assessed at least annually. Part-time students who are either receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW or who are enrolled in private schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW are not required to participate in the assessments required under RCW 28A.655.060;

(5) May include significant participation by students, parents, and families in the design and implementation of a student's learning experience; and

(6) May provide individualized courses of study for students.