

**HB 2785 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires that, under RCW 28A.655.061, beginning in the 2006-07 school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall implement two objective alternative assessment methods for students to demonstrate achievement of the state standards in content areas in which the student did not meet the standard on the high school Washington assessment of student learning.

Provides that the alternative methods shall include: (1) A combination of a student's grades in applicable courses and the student's highest score on the high school Washington assessment of student learning; and

(2) An evaluation of a collection of work samples. The evaluation of the work samples shall be conducted at the state level or regionally under the supervision of the office of the superintendent of public instruction using uniform scoring criteria.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to implement: (1) By June 1, 2006, a process for students to appeal the score they received on the high school assessment; and

(2) By January 1, 2007, guidelines and appeal processes for waiving specific requirements in RCW 28A.655.061 pertaining to the certificate of academic achievement and to the certificate of individual achievement for students who: (a) Transfer to a Washington public school in their junior or senior year with the intent of obtaining a public high school diploma, or (b) have special, unavoidable circumstances.