

**SB 5759 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares that, in order to broaden higher education opportunities, the legislature supports the Washington state achievers' scholarship program. This program: (1) Provides mentoring to ensure academic support is available to students while in high school, encourages college enrollment, and gives assistance when enrolled in college;

(2) Identifies and reduces financial barriers to college for talented, low-income students; and

(3) Leverages private funding for higher education financial assistance.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction to support community volunteer mentors working with students selected as achievers' scholars.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction to support community volunteer mentors working with students selected as achievers' scholars.