
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2523

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By House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Roberts, Goodman, Kenney, Santos, Chase, and Quall)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creation of the position of world language
2 supervisor; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating
3 new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that Washington
6 state:

7 (a) Has many local jobs that are tied to the global economy in
8 aerospace, agriculture, and software industries;

9 (b) Benefits from a thriving tourist trade;

10 (c) Can leverage its local diversity to better compete in the
11 global economy through language programs in schools;

12 (d) Encourages cultural understanding and tolerance for its
13 citizens; and

14 (e) Seeks a world-class education system.

15 (2) The legislature further finds that there is a current lack of
16 leadership and commitment at the state level to improve world language
17 instruction so that our students can secure their part in the global
18 community and remain competitive in the world.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall assign at least
4 one full-time equivalent staff position within the office of the
5 superintendent of public instruction to serve as the world language
6 supervisor. The world language supervisor shall have the following
7 duties and responsibilities:

8 (a) Develop, conduct, and oversee professional development for
9 teachers on grade level expectations, state and national standards, and
10 best practices in instruction for world languages;

11 (b) Provide technical assistance to schools in designing elementary
12 and middle school language programs, selecting and designing high
13 quality curriculum, and providing professional development;

14 (c) Advise in the development of online world language courses;

15 (d) Secure and implement grants, including federal grants, to
16 enhance world language programs;

17 (e) Encourage and foster an articulated curriculum for world
18 languages through elementary, secondary, and postsecondary grades;

19 (f) Establish and maintain a state database for world language
20 course offerings in schools and school districts;

21 (g) Implement memoranda of understanding signed by the
22 superintendent of public instruction, assist with visa applications and
23 education position verifications, and provide orientation for visiting
24 teachers;

25 (h) Serve in an advisory capacity on committees or work groups
26 regarding teacher certification, advanced placement programs, and
27 textbook publishing and selection;

28 (i) Serve as an education liaison with the business, trade, and
29 economic development communities; and

30 (j) Coordinate with existing world language resources at the
31 institutions of higher education.

32 (2) Nothing in this section may be construed to relate to the first
33 peoples' languages or to otherwise affect RCW 28A.410.045.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
35 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void.

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