
HOUSE BILL 3300

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1 AN ACT Relating to examining the feasibility of using other
2 assessments for federal school accountability purposes; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The state board of education shall
6 contract with an independent third party to examine the feasibility of
7 using nationally available assessments, such as the Iowa test of basic
8 skills or other similar assessments, in lieu of the Washington
9 assessment of student learning for purposes of school and school
10 district accountability in grades three through eight under the federal
11 no child left behind act. The contractor shall objectively analyze:

12 (a) The steps the state would need to take to secure approval of
13 such an assessment from the United States department of education for
14 purposes of federal accountability, including the extent that
15 Washington's current standards, the Washington assessment of student
16 learning, and/or the national assessment might require some adjustment;

17 (b) The short-term and longer-term costs and potential cost savings
18 of using such an assessment, including costs to the state and to school
19 districts and including development and transition costs;

1 (c) Potential advantages such as reduced testing time, opportunity
2 to compare results to other states, and other issues; and

3 (d) Any potential disadvantages or trade-offs.

4 (2) The contractor shall present findings and results of the
5 analysis to the state board of education, the governor, the
6 superintendent of public instruction, and the education committees of
7 the legislature by December 1, 2008.

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