

HB 1285 - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/2007)

Finds that, in 1977, the legislature adopted the Washington basic education act of 1977 to set forth an education program that complies with the requirements of Article IX, sections 1 and 2, of the state Constitution. Subsequently, the courts have held that included in the state's obligation for basic education under Article IX, sections 1 and 2 of the state Constitution, is the provision of several programs in addition to the program contained in the Washington basic education act of 1977.

Finds that, in 1983, Thurston county superior court Judge Robert J. Doran held in *Seattle School District No. 1 v. State*, Thurston Co. Superior Court No. 81-2-1713-1 (1983), that the program of basic education required by Article IX of the state Constitution includes certain programs in addition to the program set forth in the basic education act.

Finds that, following Judge Doran's decision, the legislature has proceeded as though those programs held by Judge Doran to be part of the state's obligations under Article IX of the state Constitution are part of basic education. The purpose of this act is to set forth in a separate chapter for clarity and ease of reference all statutes the courts have held to be part of the program of basic education. This act does not expand, diminish, or alter the state's basic education obligations under Article IX of the state Constitution.

Repeals RCW 28A.150.100.