

## HB 1288 - DIGEST

Directs the state board of education to appoint an academic standards panel comprised of exemplary educators from Washington and nationally and internationally recognized individuals with knowledge and expertise in student learning standards at various grade levels and in various subject areas.

Requires that, by September 1, 2007, the academic standards panel shall recommend revisions to the essential academic learning requirements in reading, writing, mathematics, and science, which shall be adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. The revised essential academic learning requirements shall be aligned with national and international standards of academic achievement and aligned with diagnostic and standards-based assessments that are available and used in school districts and in other states. The revised essential academic learning requirements shall form the basis for revisions of the grade level content expectations and the statewide academic assessment system used for state and federal accountability purposes to ensure alignment between instruction, curriculum, standards, assessments, and accountability in core academic areas.

Provides that, not later than the 2009-10 school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall submit to the United States department of education a proposal to use a growth model of school accountability for purposes of P.L. 107-110, the no child left behind act of 2001. The growth model shall be based on results of the Washington assessment of student learning as revised by the 2007 c . . . (this act) amendments to RCW 28A.655.070 and shall measure improvements in individual student achievement from one year to the next rather than comparing the achievement status of a different cohort of students at the same grade level from one year to the next. If the proposal is approved by the department, the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education shall implement the growth model for both state and federal accountability purposes.

Repeals RCW 28A.155.045, 28A.655.010, 28A.655.063, 28A.655.065, and 28A.230.195.