

HB 2598-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop and issue a request for proposals for private vendors or nonprofit organizations to develop a mathematics curriculum that is aligned with Washington's essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations and would be made available online at no cost to school districts. At a minimum, the proposed curriculum shall cover course content in grades kindergarten through ten.

Provides that by July 31, 2008, or within four months after certain revised standards are adopted, whichever is later, the superintendent of public instruction, in collaboration with school district curriculum directors, teachers, and other curriculum specialists, shall complete an analysis of the mathematics textbooks, curricula, and other instructional materials commonly used in elementary, middle, and high schools in the state to determine where and to what extent the revised standards are included therein.

Provides that by September 31, 2008, or within six months after the revised standards are adopted, whichever is later, the superintendent shall develop a concise online guide for mathematics curriculum to assist school districts and boards of directors in making decisions regarding the future purchase of mathematics textbooks, curriculum, and instructional materials.