

SB 6673-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates the extended learning opportunities program for eligible eleventh and twelfth grade students who are not on track to meet local or state graduation requirements as well as eighth grade students who may not be on track to meet the standard on the Washington assessment of student learning or need additional assistance in order to have the opportunity for a successful entry into high school.

Provides that, if funding is appropriated for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall explore online curriculum support in languages other than English that are currently available.

Provides that, if funding is appropriated for this purpose, school districts shall provide all ninth graders enrolled in the district the option of taking the PSAT at no cost to the student.

Requires educational service districts to develop and provide a program of outreach to community-based programs and organizations within the district that are serving non-English speaking segments of the population as well as those programs that target subgroups of students that may be struggling academically, including to the extent possible, African-American, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic, low income, and special education.

Requires the professional educator standards board to convene a work group to develop recommendations for increasing teacher knowledge, skills, and competencies to address the needs of English language learner students.