

**SB 5618 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to: (1) Provide a statutory framework to support a statewide dropout reengagement system for older youth; and

(2) Encourage school districts, community and technical colleges, and community-based organizations to participate in this system and provide appropriate instruction and services to reengage older students and help them make progress toward a meaningful credential and career skills.

Creates a statewide dropout reengagement system to provide appropriate educational opportunities and access to services for students aged sixteen to twenty-one who have dropped out of high school or are not accumulating sufficient credits to reasonably complete a high school diploma in a public school before the age of twenty-one.

Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Develop statewide model contracts and interlocal agreements for the dropout reengagement system; and

(2) Allocate the basic education allocation generated under RCW 28A.150.260 and the student achievement fund allocation under RCW 28A.505.220 for each annual average full-time equivalent eligible student enrolled in a dropout reengagement program.

Requires every educational service district board to oversee the dropout reengagement system in its district and fulfill the responsibilities described in statewide model contracts and interlocal agreements.