

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2485

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Early Learning & K-12 Education, February 16, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to authorizing school districts to use electronic formats for warrants.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing school districts to use electronic formats for warrants.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Probst, Upthegrove and Dahlquist.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/09/12, 97-0.

**Committee Activity:** Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/16/12 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Rolfes, Vice Chair; Litzow, Ranking Minority Member; Eide, Fain, Harper, Hill, King, Nelson and Tom.

**Staff:** Susan Mielke (786-7422)

**Background:** Generally, the county treasurers serve as the ex officio treasurer for special purpose districts in the county, including school districts and Educational Service Districts. The duties of a treasurer include receiving and depositing all funds, issuing and paying warrants and checks, keeping records of all withdrawals and deposits, and issuing statements. School district expenditure warrants are authorized by the signature of the president or the majority of the school district board of directors and paid from available funds held by the county treasurer.

Under the Washington Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act (Act) an authorized officer may use a facsimile signature on an instrument of payment. The Act defines authorized officer to include officials of school districts whose signature is required on an instrument of payment, including a warrant; and defines facsimile signature as a reproduction by engraving, imprinting, stamping, or other means of the manual signature of an authorized officer.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

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**Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments):** School district warrants and warrant registers may be sent in an electronic format and may use facsimile signatures.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill clarifies that treasurers can receive warrants from schools electronically instead in paper form, thereby reducing some administrative burden.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Probst, prime sponsor.