
HOUSE BILL 1891

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By Representatives Klippert, Angel, Hargrove, Rivers, Orcutt, and McCune

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1 AN ACT Relating to delaying adoption and implementation of the
2 common core standards; amending RCW 28A.655.071; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes the hard work
6 and dedication of the mathematics advisory panel, the mathematics
7 consultants hired by the state board of education, and the members and
8 staff of the state board of education and the office of the
9 superintendent of public instruction in revising the state mathematics
10 learning standards, which were finalized in 2008. External third-party
11 evaluations and national comparisons have identified Washington's new
12 mathematics learning standards as among the highest quality in the
13 nation. Over the last two biennia, the state and school districts have
14 invested millions of dollars in providing professional development for
15 teachers, developing and aligning curriculum, and purchasing more
16 aligned textbooks and materials. Teachers and students have been
17 preparing for new mathematics assessments that are also aligned with
18 the standards and will be required for high school graduation starting
19 with the class of 2013.

1 (2) Therefore, the legislature finds that any change to the state's
2 learning standards in mathematics in the short term would be highly
3 inefficient and disruptive for the school system, staff, and students
4 alike. The legislature further finds that the current budget situation
5 for both the state and local school districts precludes spending
6 precious resources on making additional, unnecessary changes in
7 learning standards.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.655.071 and 2010 c 235 s 601 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) (~~By August 2, 2010~~) No earlier than July 1, 2013, the
11 superintendent of public instruction may revise the state essential
12 academic learning requirements authorized under RCW 28A.655.070 for
13 mathematics, reading, writing, and communication by (~~provisionally~~)
14 adopting a common set of standards for students in grades kindergarten
15 through twelve. The revised state essential academic learning
16 requirements may be substantially identical with the standards
17 developed by a multistate consortium in which Washington participated,
18 must be consistent with the requirements of RCW 28A.655.070, and may
19 include additional standards if the additional standards do not exceed
20 fifteen percent of the standards for each content area. However, the
21 superintendent of public instruction shall not take steps to implement
22 the (~~provisionally~~) adopted standards (~~until the education~~
23 ~~committees of the house of representatives and the senate have an~~
24 ~~opportunity to review the standards~~) before July 1, 2013.

25 (2) By January 1, (~~2011~~) 2013, the superintendent of public
26 instruction shall submit to the education committees of the house of
27 representatives and the senate(+

28 ~~(a) A detailed comparison of the provisionally adopted standards~~
29 ~~and the state essential academic learning requirements as of June 10,~~
30 ~~2010, including the comparative level of rigor and specificity of the~~
31 ~~standards and the implications of any identified differences; and~~

32 ~~(b))~~ an estimated timeline and costs to the state and to school
33 districts to implement the (~~provisionally~~) adopted standards,
34 including providing necessary training, realignment of curriculum,
35 adjustment of state assessments, and other actions.

36 (3) If the 2013 legislature determines that the superintendent of
37 public instruction has shown that implementation of the common set of

1 standards under this section is prudent and beneficial for students and
2 the citizens of the state, the superintendent may implement the
3 revisions to the essential academic learning requirements under this
4 section after ~~((the 2011 legislative session unless otherwise~~
5 ~~directed))~~ July 1, 2013, if so authorized by the legislature.

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