
SENATE BILL 5105

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By Senators Wellman and Hasegawa; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying education reporting requirements;
2 and amending RCW 28A.165.100, 28A.235.290, 28A.505.040, and
3 28A.505.080.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.165.100 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 18 s 204 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, school districts
8 shall record in the statewide individual student data system annual
9 entrance and exit performance data for each student participating in
10 the learning assistance program according to specifications
11 established by the office of the superintendent of public
12 instruction.

13 (2) By August 1, 2014, and each (~~August 1st~~) September 30th
14 thereafter, school districts shall report to the office of the
15 superintendent of public instruction, using a common format prepared
16 by the office:

17 (a) The amount of academic growth gained by students
18 participating in the learning assistance program;

19 (b) The number of students who gain at least one year of academic
20 growth; and

1 (c) The specific practices, activities, and programs used by each
2 school building that received learning assistance program funding.

3 (3) By January 1, 2020, and each January 1st thereafter, the
4 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall compile the
5 school district data and report annual and longitudinal gains for the
6 specific practices, activities, and programs used by the school
7 districts to show which are the most effective. The data must be
8 disaggregated by student subgroups.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.235.290 and 2018 c 271 s 6 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
12 develop and implement a plan to increase the number of schools
13 participating in the United States department of agriculture
14 community eligibility provision for the 2018-19 school year and
15 subsequent years. The office shall work jointly with community-based
16 organizations and national experts focused on hunger and nutrition
17 and familiar with the community eligibility provision, at least two
18 school representatives who have successfully implemented community
19 eligibility, and the state agency responsible for medicaid direct
20 certification. The plan must describe how the office of the
21 superintendent of public instruction will:

22 (a) Identify and recruit eligible schools to implement the
23 community eligibility provision, with the goal of increasing the
24 participation rate of eligible schools to at least the national
25 average;

26 (b) Provide comprehensive outreach and technical assistance to
27 school districts and schools to implement the community eligibility
28 provision;

29 (c) Support breakfast after the bell programs authorized by the
30 legislature to adopt the community eligibility provision;

31 (d) Work with school districts to group schools in order to
32 maximize the number of schools implementing the community eligibility
33 provision; and

34 (e) Determine the maximum percentage of students eligible for
35 free meals where participation in the community eligibility provision
36 provides the most support for a school, school district, or group of
37 schools.

38 (2) Until June 30, 2019, the office of the superintendent of
39 public instruction shall convene the organizations working jointly on

1 the plan monthly to report on the status of the plan and coordinate
2 outreach and technical assistance efforts to schools and school
3 districts.

4 (3) Beginning in 2018, the office of the superintendent of public
5 instruction shall report annually the number of schools that have
6 implemented the community eligibility provision to the legislature by
7 (~~September~~) December 1st of each year. The report shall identify:

8 (a) Any barriers to implementation;

9 (b) Recommendations on policy and legislative solutions to
10 overcome barriers to implementation;

11 (c) Reasons potentially eligible schools and school districts
12 decide not to adopt the community eligibility provision; and

13 (d) Approaches in other states to adopting the community
14 eligibility provision.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.505.040 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13 s 604 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) On or before the tenth day of July in each year, all school
18 districts shall prepare their budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The
19 annual budget development process shall include the development or
20 update of a four-year budget plan that includes a four-year
21 enrollment projection. The four-year budget plan must include an
22 estimate of funding necessary to maintain the continuing costs of
23 program and service levels and any existing supplemental contract
24 obligations.

25 (2) The completed budget must include a summary of the four-year
26 budget plan and set forth the complete financial plan of the district
27 for the ensuing fiscal year.

28 (3)(a) Upon completion of their budgets, every school district
29 shall electronically publish a notice stating that the district has
30 completed the budget, posted it electronically, placed it on file in
31 the school district administration office, and that a copy of the
32 budget and a summary of the four-year budget plan will be furnished
33 to any person who calls upon the district for it.

34 (b) School districts shall submit one copy of their proposed
35 budget and the four-year budget plan summary to their educational
36 service districts (~~and the office of the superintendent of public~~
37 ~~instruction~~) for review and comment by July 10th. The superintendent
38 of public instruction may delay the dates in this section if the

1 state's operating budget is not finally approved by the legislature
2 until after June 1st.

3 (c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
4 consider the information provided under (b) of this subsection when
5 ranking each school district by the financial health of the school
6 district in order to provide information for districts to avoid
7 potential financial difficulty, insolvency, or binding conditions.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.505.080 and 1984 c 128 s 8 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Copies of the budgets for all local school districts, including
11 the four-year budget plan prepared under RCW 28A.505.040, shall be
12 filed with the superintendent of public instruction no later than
13 September 10th. One copy will be retained by the educational service
14 district.

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