
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5322

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Talmadge, Moyer and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to programs for highly capable students; amending
2 RCW 28A.185.030; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.185 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.185.030 and 1984 c 278 s 13 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Local school districts may establish and operate, either separately
7 or jointly, programs for highly capable students. Such authority shall
8 include the right to employ and pay special instructors and to operate
9 such programs jointly with a public institution of higher education.
10 Local school districts which establish and operate programs for highly
11 capable students shall adopt identification procedures and provide
12 educational opportunities as follows:

13 (1) In accordance with rules (~~and regulations~~) adopted by the
14 superintendent of public instruction, school districts shall implement
15 procedures for nomination, assessment and selection of their most
16 highly capable students. Nominations shall be based upon data from
17 teachers, other staff, parents, students, and members of the community.
18 Assessment shall be based upon a review of each student's capability as
19 shown by multiple criteria intended to reveal, from a wide variety of

1 sources and data, each student's unique needs and capabilities.
2 Selection shall be made by a broadly based committee of professionals,
3 after consideration of the results of the multiple criteria assessment.

4 (2) Students selected pursuant to procedures outlined in this
5 section shall be provided, to the extent feasible, an educational
6 opportunity which takes into account each student's unique needs and
7 capabilities and the limits of the resources and program options
8 available to the district, including those options which can be
9 developed or provided by using funds allocated by the superintendent of
10 public instruction for that purpose.

11 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules
12 establishing minimum program standards. The rules may address issues
13 including hours of service, if and when it is appropriate to combine
14 programs for highly capable students and other students, and evaluation
15 standards for highly capable students.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.185
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the
19 qualifications for certificated employees teaching highly capable
20 students in a program for highly capable students.

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