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6 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
7 following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The superintendent of public instruction  
9 shall review the criteria used to determine the point at which limited  
10 English proficient students are required to take the Washington  
11 assessment of student learning. The review shall be used to determine  
12 if the criteria are developmentally appropriate and in the best  
13 interest of the students. In conducting the review, the superintendent  
14 shall consult with parents, teachers, principals, classroom aides,  
15 recognized experts in second-language instruction, and statewide ethnic  
16 organizations that represent second-language learners. Preliminary  
17 results of the review shall be reported to the education and fiscal  
18 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2001. Final results of  
19 the review shall be reported to the education and fiscal committees of  
20 the legislature by December 1, 2002.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.180.030 and 1990 c 33 s 164 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 As used (~~in RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080~~) throughout this  
24 chapter, unless the context (~~thereof~~) clearly indicates (~~to the~~  
25 ~~contrary~~) otherwise:

- 26 (1) "Transitional bilingual instruction" means:  
27 (a) A system of instruction which uses two languages, one of which  
28 is English, as a means of instruction to build upon and expand language  
29 skills to enable the pupil to achieve competency in English. Concepts  
30 and information are introduced in the primary language and reinforced  
31 in the second language: PROVIDED, That the program shall include  
32 testing in the subject matter in English; or  
33 (b) In those cases in which the use of two languages is not  
34 practicable as established by the superintendent of public instruction  
35 and unless otherwise prohibited by law, an alternative system of

1 instruction which may include English as a second language and is  
2 designed to enable the pupil to achieve competency in English.

3 (2) "Primary language" means the language most often used by the  
4 student for communication in his/her home.

5 (3) "Eligible pupil" means any enrollee of the school district  
6 whose primary language is other than English and whose English language  
7 skills are sufficiently deficient or absent to impair learning.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.180.040 and 1984 c 124 s 3 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Every school district board of directors shall:

11 (1) Make available to each eligible pupil transitional bilingual  
12 instruction to achieve competency in English, in accord with rules of  
13 the superintendent of public instruction.

14 (2) Wherever feasible, ensure that communications to parents  
15 emanating from the schools shall be appropriately bilingual for those  
16 parents of pupils in the bilingual instruction program.

17 (3) Determine, by administration of an English test approved by the  
18 superintendent of public instruction the number of eligible pupils  
19 enrolled in the school district at the beginning of a school year and  
20 thereafter during the year as necessary in individual cases. (~~If,~~  
21 ~~however, a preliminary interview indicates little or no English~~  
22 ~~speaking ability, eligibility testing shall not be necessary.))~~

23 (4) Before the conclusion of each school year, measure each  
24 eligible pupil's improvement in learning the English language by means  
25 of a test approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

26 (5) Provide in-service training for teachers, counselors, and other  
27 staff, who are involved in the district's transitional bilingual  
28 program. Such training shall include appropriate instructional  
29 strategies for children of culturally different backgrounds, use of  
30 curriculum materials, and program models."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "English;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.180.030 and  
6 28A.180.040; and creating a new section."

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