

HB 1517 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A majority of students in Washington do not
4 have the opportunity to study any language other than English until
5 they are in middle school, or more often, in high school. Educational
6 systems of other nations, some of which are much less economically
7 developed than the United States, begin second language study in the
8 early elementary grades. Washington's economy is tied to world trade.
9 To enable Washington citizens to more effectively compete in the world
10 marketplace and develop a greater sense of the world's culture and
11 geography, we should explore ways for our students, at all levels, to
12 be provided the opportunity to develop fluency in a second language.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A Spanish and Chinese language
14 instruction pilot program is created. A maximum of two school
15 districts may participate. Each school district shall provide a
16 sequentially, articulated world language program in elementary schools
17 that provides instruction in Spanish and a Chinese language. Interested
18 districts shall apply no later than May 15, 2007, to the superintendent
19 of public instruction to participate in the pilot program established
20 by this section. The superintendent shall make a decision no later
21 than June 15, 2007, regarding which school districts may participate in
22 the pilot program.

23 (2) School districts participating in the program must agree to:

24 (a) Assure that parents are informed of the availability of the
25 language classes offered as a pilot program; and

26 (b) Participate in an evaluation of the program as determined by
27 the superintendent of public instruction.

28 (3) The pilot programs authorized by this section shall constitute
29 an exceptional case under RCW 28A.150.260 and therefore the

1 participating school districts shall be permitted to employ people of
2 unusual competence, but without certification, to provide the language
3 instruction for the pilot program under the general supervision of a
4 certificated instructional staff person.

5 (4) Beginning in June 2008 and continuing for the life of the pilot
6 program, the superintendent of public instruction shall submit an
7 annual report to the governor and the legislature that summarizes the
8 pilot program and its effectiveness. The report shall also include a
9 recommendation as to whether or not the pilot program should be
10 continued, expanded, or otherwise modified.

11 (5) This section expires July 1, 2009.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 immediately."

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16 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "schools;" strike the
17 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; providing an
18 expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

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