

2SSB 5973 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Education

NOT CONSIDERED 4/13/2009

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds compelling evidence
4 from five commissioned studies that additional progress must be made
5 to address the achievement gap. Many students are in demographic
6 groups that are overrepresented in measures such as school
7 disciplinary sanctions; failure to meet state academic standards;
8 failure to graduate; enrollment in special education and
9 underperforming schools; enrollment in advanced placement courses,
10 honors programs, and college preparatory classes; and enrollment in
11 and completion of college. The studies contain specific
12 recommendations that are data-driven and drawn from education
13 research, as well as the personal, professional, and cultural
14 experience of those who contributed to the studies. The legislature
15 finds there is no better opportunity to make a strong commitment to
16 closing the achievement gap than in legislation and to affirm the
17 state's constitutional obligation to provide opportunities to learn
18 for all students without distinction or preference on account of race,
19 ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or gender."

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21 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Replaces all provisions of the bill with legislative findings that progress is needed to address the achievement gap and that there is an opportunity to make a strong commitment to closing the gap.

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