

CHAPTER 98

[Substitute House Bill No. 1345]

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SURVEYS AND TESTS

AN ACT Relating to education; adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.03 RCW; making an appropriation; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.03 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) It shall be the intent and purpose of this 1976 act to direct the office of superintendent of public instruction to conduct standardized reading, mathematics, and language arts achievement level surveys of approximately two thousand students distributed throughout the state in each of the grade levels eight and eleven during such testing cycles as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The survey testing shall be based on a statistical random sample of students from these grade levels sufficient to generalize about all of the students at each of the selected grade levels from the state's school districts. The purpose of these surveys is to allow the public and the legislature to evaluate how Washington students in these grades compare to students in the same grades tested in other comparable national achievement surveys. The office of superintendent of public instruction shall coordinate such tests and provide such information as obtained therefrom to the legislature no less often than once every four years.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare a report to the legislature on the achievement levels of students in grades eight and eleven based on the achievement level surveys conducted in the 1975-77 biennium and for each of the subsequent testing cycles as designated by the superintendent of public instruction's office. Such report shall include a comparison of the achievement levels attained by Washington students to the levels attained by students outside of the state, with special emphasis placed on the basic skills of reading, mathematics, and language arts. Such report shall also focus on appropriate input variables and comparisons of variables reported by other states' testing programs.

(3) Results of the first survey test shall be made available to the school districts and the legislature no later than June 30, 1977.

(4) In addition to the survey testing for grades eight and eleven as set forth in this 1976 act, every school district is encouraged to test pupils in grade two by an assessment device designed or selected by the local school districts. This test shall be used to help teachers in identifying those pupils in need of assistance in the skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and language arts. The test results are not to be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, but are only to be used by the local school district.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare, with the assistance of local school districts, and conduct a standardized achievement test to be given annually to all pupils in grade four. The test shall assess students' skill in reading, mathematics, and language arts and shall focus upon appropriate input variables. Results of such tests shall be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, who shall make those results available annually to the legislature, to all local

school districts and subsequently to parents of those children tested. The results shall allow parents to ascertain the achievement levels and input variables of their children as compared with the other students within the district, the state and, if applicable, the nation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated to the superintendent of public instruction the sum of three hundred thousand dollars from the state general fund to be expended only in the amount necessary and exclusively for implementing the provisions of this 1976 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This 1976 amendatory act shall take effect on July 1, 1976.

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Passed the Senate March 6, 1976.

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CHAPTER 99

[Substitute House Bill No. 1612]
 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY—LOCAL
 GOVERNMENT, REFERENCE
 ADOPTION OF RULES,
 GUIDELINES AND
 MODEL ORDINANCES

AN ACT Relating to local government; and adding a new section to chapter 109, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.21C RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 109, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.21C RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) All public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and counties of the state are authorized to adopt rules, ordinances, and resolutions which incorporate any of the following by reference to the appropriate sections of the Washington Administrative Code:

(a) Rules and guidelines adopted under RCW 43.21C.110(1) in accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.04 RCW;

(b) Model ordinances adopted by the department of ecology under RCW 43.21C.130 in accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.04 RCW.

(2) If any rule, ordinance, or resolution is adopted by reference pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, any publication of such rule, ordinance, or resolution shall be accompanied by a summary of the contents of the sections of the Washington Administrative Code referred to. Such summaries shall be provided to the adopting units of local government by the department of ecology: **PROVIDED**, That any proposal for a rule, ordinance or resolution which would adopt by reference rules and guidelines or model ordinances pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by the full text of the material to be adopted which need not be published but shall be maintained on file for public use and examination.