

6010

Sponsor(s): Senators McAuliffe and Rinehart

Brief Description: Affecting the funding formula for the learning assistance program.

SB 6010 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the distribution formula shall be based upon both an assessment of students and a poverty factor, beginning with the 1995-96 school year.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to develop recommendations for a new allocation formula not later than the 1997-98 school year, based upon the initial implementation of the assessment system for reading, writing, communication, and mathematics.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6010

June 14, 1995

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2, Senate Bill No. 6010 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the learning assistance program;"

Senate Bill No. 6010 changes the state funding formula for the learning assistance program beginning with the 1995-96 school year. Section 2 contains an emergency clause indicating this act is necessary "for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government." However, the new formula starts with the beginning of the 1995-96 school year, which is not until September 1, 1995. Preventing this bill from being subject to a referendum under Article II, section 1(b) of the state Constitution unnecessarily denies the people of this state their power, at their own option, to approve or reject this bill at the polls.

For this reason, I am vetoing section 2 of Senate Bill No. 6010.

With the exception of section 2, Senate Bill No. 6010 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor