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Bill Summary

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Overview

Requires public school students in grades 1 to 4 to attend a minimum of 6 weeks of half-day language immersion summer school, consistent with school districts' locally developed world languages standards.

Section

1 **Language immersion summer school.** (a) Requires public school students in grades 1 to 4 to attend a minimum of 6 weeks of half-day language immersion summer school, consistent with school districts' locally developed world languages standards. Encourages school districts to implement a curriculum that develops students' foreign language proficiency, develops students' positive attitude toward foreign language speakers, develops students' language skills commensurate with their age and ability, and allows students to gain skills and knowledge in related content areas. Requires school districts to make available administrative support, qualified teachers, appropriate materials, teacher preparation and staff development training, and to foster parent and community support.

(b) Directs school districts to facilitate students' foreign language fluency throughout the school year and in later grades.

Makes this section effective for the 2008-2009 school year and later.

Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified general fund amount in fiscal year 2008 to the education commissioner for implementing the language immersion summer school.

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Makes this section effective July 1, 2007.