

HB 1451 -- Foreign Language Instruction in Elementary Schools

Sponsor: Fraser

This bill requires that every public elementary school student receive foreign language instruction, except for (1) students in a special school district who use the district's services for an individualized education plan or students who have learning or reading disabilities; (2) those for whom English is a second language; and (3) others who should be exempt, as determined by rule of the State Board of Education. The board will set minimum standards for instruction, and school districts may exceed the minimum.

The bill becomes effective July 1, 2005.