

True or False



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3. Funding for I-1351 can be allocated whenever, as long as fully implemented by end of 2017-2019 biennium.
4. Funding for I-1351 counts towards the state's *McCleary* obligation.
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6. Districts are required to implement the new I-1351 class sizes in RCW 28A.150.260.



1. Initiative 1351 only impacts class sizes.



- False
- I-1351 also increases staffing allocations for support staff, such as counselors, social workers, and librarians, as well as other district staff, like maintenance.
 - ✦ OFM's fiscal impact statement shows additional costs for school-based staff as the largest category of new funding.



2. I-1351 reduces class sizes more than full implementation of 2776 in 2018.



- True.
- Full implementation of 2776 would have reduced K-3 to 17 students regardless of high-poverty status and provided for other grade level high-poverty class sizes to be set in the Appropriations Act.
- I-1351 sets K-3 high poverty class size at 15 and creates new high-poverty class sizes for grade 4-12 in RCW 28A.15.260.



3. Funding for I-1351 can be allocated whenever, as long as fully implemented by end of 2017-2019 biennium.



- False
- I-1351 requires that 50% of the funding necessary to implement the new class size and staffing levels be allocated in the 2015-2017 biennium.
 - ✦ The remaining 50% must be provided by the end of the 2017-2019 biennium.



4. Funding for I-1351 counts towards the state's *McCleary* obligation.



- Maybe
- Section 1 of I-1351 states that the “annual improvements are to be considered basic education funding that may be used to assist the Washington supreme court to determine adequacy of progress..in accordance with the *McCleary* decision.”
 - ✦ Not clear if annual improvements just in class size or all staffing changes
 - ✦ Supreme court may use, but is not required to consider funding for I-1351 as *McCleary*
 - *McCleary* obligation only for 2776 levels.



5. SBE is responsible for ensuring compliance with RCW 28A.150.260, the funding allocation statute amended by I-1351.



- True
- RCW 28A.150.220 requires the SBE to “adopt rules to implement and ensure compliance with the program requirements imposed by this section, RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260.”



6. Districts are required to implement the new I-1351 class sizes in RCW 28A.150.260.



- Maybe
- In the past, the class sizes in RCW 28A.150.260 were for allocation purposes only.
- New language added by I-1351 seems to require districts to use the funds for reducing class sizes to the levels in statute
 - ✦ Also dictates what money can be used for if not used for class size.

