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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing certain students with disabilities to
2 participate in graduation ceremonies; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.155 RCW; and creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) There are students with disabilities throughout the state of
7 Washington who have attended four years of high school but whose
8 individualized education programs prescribe the continuation of special
9 education and related services beyond the fourth year of high school;

10 (2) Through their participation in the public schools and the
11 community, students with disabilities frequently become identified with
12 and connected to a group of peers who will graduate in four years and
13 participate in a high school graduation ceremony;

14 (3) A high school graduation ceremony is an important rite of
15 passage for all students regardless of their abilities or limitations;
16 and

17 (4) There is significant value in allowing students with
18 disabilities to participate in high school graduation ceremonies and

1 activities with their peers, regardless of their continuing enrollment
2 in special education and related services.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) By September 1, 2007, each school district that operates a high
6 school shall permit any student meeting the following criteria to
7 participate in commencement exercises with the student's graduating
8 class and be recognized for their accomplishments:

9 (a) The student is receiving services under this chapter;

10 (b) The student's individualized education program prescribes
11 continued special education or related services beyond the fourth year
12 of high school; and

13 (c) The student has attended four years of high school.

14 (2) A student's participation in commencement exercises under this
15 section shall not affect the student's possible future receipt of a
16 high school diploma, a certificate of individual achievement under RCW
17 28A.155.045, or a certificate of academic achievement under RCW
18 28A.655.061.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall be known as "Kevin's law" in
20 honor of Kevin Britt.

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