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By Senator McAuliffe

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.155.045 and 2007 c 354 s 3 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Beginning with the graduating class of 2008, students served under
6 this chapter, including students who are covered by section 504 of the
7 federal rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794),
8 who are not appropriately assessed by the high school Washington
9 assessment system as defined in RCW 28A.655.061, even with
10 accommodations, may earn a certificate of individual achievement. The
11 certificate may be earned using multiple ways to demonstrate skills and
12 abilities commensurate with their individual education programs or
13 individual 504 plans. The determination of whether the high school
14 assessment system is appropriate shall be made by the student's
15 individual education program team or by the student's individual 504
16 plan committee. Except as provided in RCW 28A.655.0611, for these
17 students, the certificate of individual achievement is required for
18 graduation from a public high school, but need not be the only
19 requirement for graduation. When measures other than the high school
20 assessment system as defined in RCW 28A.655.061 are used, the measures
21 shall be in agreement with the appropriate educational opportunity
22 provided for the student as required by this chapter. The
23 superintendent of public instruction shall develop the guidelines for
24 determining which students should not be required to participate in the
25 high school assessment system and which types of assessments are
26 appropriate to use. The guidelines developed by the superintendent of
27 public instruction shall allow students covered by section 504 of the
28 rehabilitation act of 1973 to participate in the alternative assessment
29 options leading to a certificate of individual achievement to the

1 extent the alternative assessment option is appropriate under the
2 student's individual 504 plan and only after the student has taken the
3 Washington assessment of student learning once.

4 When measures other than the high school assessment system as
5 defined in RCW 28A.655.061 are used for high school graduation
6 purposes, the student's high school transcript shall note whether that
7 student has earned a certificate of individual achievement.

8 Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny a student the
9 right to participation in the high school assessment system as defined
10 in RCW 28A.655.061, and, upon successfully meeting the high school
11 standard, receipt of the certificate of academic achievement."

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12 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "disabilities;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28A.155.045."

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