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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1855**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Caldier, Santos, Parker, Reykdal, Magendanz, Hayes, Young, Pollet, and Tharinger)

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1       AN ACT Relating to waiving local graduation requirements for  
2 certain students; and amending RCW 28A.320.192.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.192 and 2012 c 163 s 7 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6       In order to facilitate the on-time grade level progression and  
7 graduation of students who are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34  
8 RCW, at-risk youth or children in need of services pursuant to  
9 chapter 13.32A RCW, or homeless, school districts must incorporate  
10 the following procedures:

11       (1) School districts must waive specific courses required for  
12 graduation if similar coursework has been satisfactorily completed in  
13 another school district or must provide reasonable justification for  
14 denial. Should a waiver not be granted to a student who would qualify  
15 to graduate from the sending school district, the receiving school  
16 district must use best efforts to provide an alternative means of  
17 acquiring required coursework so that graduation may occur on time.

18       (2) School districts are encouraged to consolidate unresolved or  
19 incomplete coursework and provide opportunities for credit accrual  
20 through local classroom hours, correspondence courses, or the

1 portable assisted study sequence units designed for migrant high  
2 school students.

3 (3) Should a student who is transferring at the beginning or  
4 during the student's junior or senior year be ineligible to graduate  
5 from the receiving school district after all alternatives have been  
6 considered, the sending and receiving districts must ensure the  
7 receipt of a diploma from the sending district if the student meets  
8 the graduation requirements of the sending district.

9 (4) Should a student have attended three or more high schools and  
10 have met state requirements but be ineligible to graduate from the  
11 receiving school district after all alternatives have been  
12 considered, the receiving school district must waive its local  
13 requirements and ensure the receipt of a diploma.

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