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**HOUSE BILL 1452**

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**By** Representatives Mosbrucker, Ybarra, Sutherland, and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting alternative methods for the earning  
2 of physical education credit; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230  
3 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that the  
6 ongoing coronavirus pandemic has led to the complete or partial  
7 discontinuation of in-person instruction for many students throughout  
8 Washington. As a result, schools, teachers, and students have, by  
9 necessity, pivoted to the broad use of internet-based remote  
10 instruction.

11 (2) Although virtual classrooms have proven satisfactory for many  
12 courses and subjects, some have proven more difficult than others to  
13 conduct remotely. Physical education courses, for example, often  
14 involve specialized facilities and equipment, and team-based  
15 competitive actions between students. These attributes are difficult  
16 to replicate or substitute in a remote instruction setting.

17 (3) In recognition of the challenges that can be associated with  
18 earning meaningful physical education credits during an ongoing  
19 pandemic, the legislature intends to promote alternative methods for  
20 earning physical education credit that would allow students in the  
21 graduating classes of 2021 and 2022 to earn credit through voluntary

1 community service actions that would be approved by the district,  
2 consistent with any applicable administrative rules, and in  
3 compliance with state learning standards.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) School district boards of directors are encouraged to adopt  
7 policies that would enable students in the graduating classes of 2021  
8 and 2022 to earn physical education credit through the performance of  
9 voluntary community service actions that meet appropriate safety and  
10 supervisory criteria and comply with requirements in the Washington  
11 state health and physical education K-12 learning standards.

12 (2) The state board of education may adopt rules as necessary to  
13 implement this section.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
16 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
17 effect immediately.

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