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By Senators Warnick, Becker, Wellman, Rolfes, Zeiger, Angel, Chase, Hasegawa, and Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring that cursive writing be taught in
2 common schools; amending RCW 28A.230.020; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.230 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.230.020 and 2013 c 23 s 48 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 All common schools shall give instruction in reading, handwriting
8 including cursive writing, orthography, written and mental
9 arithmetic, geography, the history of the United States, English
10 grammar, physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects
11 of alcohol and drug abuse on the human system, science with special
12 reference to the environment, and such other studies as may be
13 prescribed by rule of the superintendent of public instruction. All
14 teachers shall stress the importance of the cultivation of manners,
15 the fundamental principles of honesty, honor, industry and economy,
16 the minimum requisites for good health including the beneficial
17 effect of physical exercise and methods to prevent exposure to and
18 transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, and the worth of
19 kindness to all living creatures and the land. The prevention of
20 child abuse may be offered as part of the curriculum in the common
21 schools.

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

3 Beginning the effective date of this section, when a school
4 district board of directors reviews or adopts its English language
5 arts curriculum, it shall incorporate curricula to teach cursive
6 writing.

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