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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2611**

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**By** House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Tate, Rasmussen, P. Johnson, Brough, Carlson, Pruitt, Vance, Broback, Ferguson, Basich, Paris, Betrozoff, Chandler, Wynne and J. Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to voluntary community service; adding new sections  
2 to chapter 28A.230 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the education  
5 of our children must include not only academic and technical skills and  
6 knowledge, but also the development of character and an understanding  
7 of our common responsibilities as members of our society and democracy.  
8 One method for building character and teaching responsibility in our  
9 students is to encourage them to volunteer in community social,  
10 governmental, and educational organizations. Increasing the level of  
11 student volunteerism will strengthen the relationship between schools  
12 and communities, expand instructional effectiveness, strengthen the  
13 bonds between young people and adults, and provide enriching, rewarding  
14 experiences for students.

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

3        Every high school in the state is encouraged to offer annually the  
4    opportunity for students to volunteer their services to community  
5    social and educational organizations. Community social and educational  
6    organizations include hospitals, nursing homes, food banks, day care  
7    organizations, state and local government offices, and other  
8    organizations that provide social, health, educational, and  
9    governmental services.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.230  
11    RCW to read as follows:

12        (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
13    prepare guidelines for use by schools in programs involving student  
14    volunteer service in the community.

15        (2) At a minimum, the guidelines shall include information of  
16    assistance to schools in the following areas:

17        (a) If a school chooses to offer opportunities for volunteer  
18    activity, whether volunteer activity should be discretionary on the  
19    part of the individual student, a noncredit requirement for graduation,  
20    or count as course credit toward graduation;

21        (b) Requirements for volunteer service to count as credit toward  
22    graduation;

23        (c) Certificated endorsement requirements, if any, of supervisory  
24    educators or others;

25        (d) The respective responsibilities of a school and its community  
26    contacts, including supervision of a student volunteer;

27        (e) Liability issues;

28        (f) Scheduling; and

29        (g) Transportation.