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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Schoesler, Miloscia, Cox, Hunt, Kenney, Rockefeller and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to courses of study options offered by public high
2 schools; and amending RCW 28A.230.010 and 28A.230.130.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.230.010 and 1990 c 33 s 237 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 School district boards of directors shall identify and offer
7 courses with content that meet or exceed:

- 8 (1) The basic education skills identified in RCW 28A.150.210;
9 (2) The graduation requirements under RCW 28A.230.090; ((and))
10 (3) The courses required to meet the minimum college entrance
11 requirements under RCW 28A.230.130; and
12 (4) The course options for career development under RCW
13 28A.230.130.

14 Such courses may be applied or theoretical, academic, or
15 vocational.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.230.130 and 1991 c 116 s 9 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

- 18 (1) All school districts with public high schools ~~((of the state))~~

1 shall provide (~~(a program)~~), directly or in cooperation with a
2 community or technical college, a skills center, an apprenticeship
3 committee, or another school district, the opportunity for students to
4 take the following courses of study:

5 (a) A course of study for students whose educational plans include
6 application for entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after
7 being granted a high school diploma. The program shall help these
8 students to meet at least the minimum entrance requirements under RCW
9 28B.10.050;

10 (b) A course of study for students whose educational plans include
11 the pursuit of a professional or technical certificate or degree that
12 requires less than four years of postsecondary education; and

13 (c) A course of study for students who are planning to defer
14 further educational plans and enter the world of work upon graduation
15 from high school.

16 (2) The courses of study provided under subsection (1)(b) and (c)
17 of this section shall:

18 (a) Help students demonstrate the application of essential academic
19 learning requirements to the world of work, occupation-specific skills,
20 knowledge of more than one career within their chosen pathway, and
21 employability and leadership skills; and/or

22 (b) Help students demonstrate the knowledge and skill needed to
23 prepare for industry certification upon completion of the program,
24 and/or have the opportunity to articulate to postsecondary education
25 and training programs related to their secondary program.

26 ~~((+2))~~ (3) The state board of education, upon request from local
27 school districts, may grant (~~(temporary exemptions)~~) waivers from the
28 requirements to provide the program described in subsection (1) of this
29 section for reasons relating to school district size and the
30 availability of staff authorized to teach subjects which must be
31 provided.

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