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By Senator Roach

1 On page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.230.090 and 2004 c 19 s 103 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The state board of education shall establish high school
5 graduation requirements or equivalencies for students.

6 (a) Any course in Washington state history and government used to
7 fulfill high school graduation requirements is encouraged to include
8 information on the culture, history, and government of the American
9 Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state.

10 (b) Any course in United States history or government used to
11 fulfill high school graduation requirements must include information on
12 voting in and the process of both the primary and general elections,
13 the absentee and provisional ballot processes, and a discussion of the
14 state voters' pamphlet. The certificate of academic achievement
15 requirements under RCW 28A.655.061 or the certificate of individual
16 achievement requirements under RCW 28A.155.045 are required for
17 graduation from a public high school but are not the only requirements
18 for graduation.

19 (c) Any decision on whether a student has met the state board's
20 high school graduation requirements for a high school and beyond plan
21 shall remain at the local level.

22 (2) In recognition of the statutory authority of the state board of
23 education to establish and enforce minimum high school graduation
24 requirements, the state board shall periodically reevaluate the
25 graduation requirements and shall report such findings to the
26 legislature in a timely manner as determined by the state board.

27 (3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other
28 than English established by the state board of education or a local
29 school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation,
30 students who receive instruction in American sign language or one or
31 more American Indian languages shall be considered to have satisfied

1 the state or local school district graduation requirement for
2 instruction in one or more languages other than English.

3 (4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student
4 who has completed high school courses before attending high school
5 shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to fulfilling
6 high school graduation requirements if:

7 (a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic
8 level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth
9 grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing
10 the same course requirements and examinations as the high school
11 students enrolled in the class; or

12 (b) The academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for
13 seventh and eighth grade classes and the course would qualify for high
14 school credit, because the course is similar or equivalent to a course
15 offered at a high school in the district as determined by the school
16 district board of directors.

17 (5) Students who have taken and successfully completed high school
18 courses under the circumstances in subsection (4) of this section shall
19 not be required to take an additional competency examination or perform
20 any other additional assignment to receive credit.

21 (6) At the college or university level, five quarter or three
22 semester hours equals one high school credit."

23 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal
24 references accordingly.

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28 On page 20, line 20 of the title amendment, after "RCW" insert
29 "28A.230.090,"

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EFFECT: Requires that any course in United States history or government that is used to fulfill high school graduation requirements must include information on the process of voting and a discussion of the state voter's pamphlet.