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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2842**

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**State of Washington**

**59th Legislature**

**2006 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Anderson, Quall, Tom, Chase and Simpson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to organ and tissue donor education and awareness;  
2 amending RCW 46.82.420; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW;  
3 and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the use of  
6 anatomical gifts, including the donation of organ or tissue, for the  
7 purpose of transplantation is of great interest to the citizens of  
8 Washington state and may save or prolong the life or improve the health  
9 of extremely ill and dying persons. The legislature further finds that  
10 more than ninety thousand people are currently waiting for life-saving  
11 organ transplants on the national transplant waiting list. More than  
12 one thousand two hundred of these people are listed at Washington state  
13 transplant centers. Nationally, eighteen people die each day as a  
14 result of the shortage of donated organs.

15 The legislature further finds that continuing education as to the  
16 existence and maintenance of a statewide organ and tissue donor  
17 registry is in the best interest of the people of the state of  
18 Washington.

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

3        (1) Organ donation awareness shall be taught in the public schools  
4    of this state in driver training courses.    Organ donation education  
5    shall include instruction explaining the organ and tissue donor  
6    registry created in RCW 68.50.635.

7        (2) Instructional materials shall be developed in coordination with  
8    the federally designated organ procurement organization for Washington  
9    state.

10       (3) All costs associated with the development, distribution, and  
11    implementation of this curriculum shall be the responsibility of the  
12    foundation established in RCW 46.12.510.

13       (4) At least fourteen days before teaching organ donation  
14    awareness, each school district shall notify parents or guardians of  
15    the presentation, that the curricula materials are available for  
16    inspection, and that parents or guardians may request in writing that  
17    their students be excused from the instruction.    No student may be  
18    required to participate in organ donation awareness instruction if the  
19    student's parent or guardian requests in writing that the student be  
20    excused from such instruction, and the student shall not be  
21    academically penalized due to being excused.

22       **Sec. 3.**    RCW 46.82.420 and 2004 c 126 s 2 are each amended to read  
23    as follows:

24       (1)    The advisory committee shall compile and furnish to each  
25    qualifying applicant for an instructor's license or a driver training  
26    school license a basic minimum required curriculum.

27       (2)    The basic minimum required curriculum shall also include  
28    ~~((1))~~:

29       (a)    Information on the effects of alcohol and drug use on motor  
30    vehicle operators, including information on drug and alcohol related  
31    traffic injury and mortality rates in the state of Washington;

32       ~~((2))~~ (b)    Current penalties for driving under the influence of  
33    drugs or alcohol;

34       (c)    Organ donation awareness education, including instruction  
35    explaining the organ and tissue donor registry created in RCW  
36    68.50.635. Instructional materials regarding organ donation awareness  
37    shall be developed in coordination with the federally designated organ

1 procurement organization for Washington state, and instruction shall be  
2 provided by a qualified instructor. All costs associated with the  
3 development, distribution, and implementation of this curriculum shall  
4 be the responsibility of the foundation established in RCW 46.12.510  
5 with no additional charge to students; and

6 ((+3)) (d) Information on motorcycle awareness, approved by the  
7 Motorcycle Safety Foundation, to ensure new operators of motor vehicles  
8 have been instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with  
9 motorcyclists.

10 (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any  
11 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper  
12 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the  
13 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory  
14 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school  
15 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not  
16 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the  
17 license of the instructor or school, or both.

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