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HOUSE BILL 2929

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Appleton, Santos and Kilmer

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Education & Workforce Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to creating college-readiness standards based on  
2 skills and abilities; creating a new section; and providing an  
3 expiration date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the focus of  
6 college-readiness standards for students has been on courses and  
7 credits. It is the legislature's intent to change the focus of  
8 college-readiness to student skills and abilities.

9            (2) The higher education coordinating board, with cooperation and  
10 assistance from the state board for community and technical colleges,  
11 the council of presidents, and representatives from each of the  
12 research universities, branch campuses, and regional universities, and  
13 with approval from the state board of education, shall create a  
14 description of the minimum skills and abilities necessary for students  
15 to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. This work shall be  
16 structured so that the costs are absorbed within existing agency and  
17 institution budgets.

18            (3)(a) The higher education coordinating board shall report to

1 appropriate committees of the legislature on the progress and status of  
2 the project in this section by March 1, 2007. The report shall  
3 identify any barriers encountered by the project.

4 (b) The higher education coordinating board shall submit a final  
5 report to appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1,  
6 2007. The report shall identify the skills and abilities necessary for  
7 students to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

8 (4) This section expires June 30, 2008.

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