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SENATE BILL 6815

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By Senator Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to instruction in Spanish and Chinese; amending RCW  
2 28A.410.025; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A majority of students in Washington do not  
5 have the chance to study any language other than English until they are  
6 in middle school, or more often, high school. Education systems of  
7 other nations, some of them much less economically developed than the  
8 United States, begin second language study in the early elementary  
9 grades or even in preschool. Washington's economy is tied to world  
10 trade. To enable Washington citizens to more effectively compete in  
11 the world marketplace and develop a greater sense of the world's  
12 culture and geography, our students, at all levels, must be provided  
13 the opportunity to develop fluency in a second language.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The state board of education shall study  
15 whether school districts should require all students in grades nine  
16 through twelve to take a world language program that provides  
17 instruction in Spanish and a Chinese language.

1           (2) The state board of education shall provide a report of the  
2 study under this section and its recommendations to appropriate  
3 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2006.

4           **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.410.025 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.67.010 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6           No person shall be accounted as a qualified teacher within the  
7 meaning of the school law who is not the holder of a valid teacher's  
8 certificate or permit issued by lawful authority of this state, except  
9 that a school district may use noncertificated staff to provide the  
10 language instruction in the programs or classes taught as part of a  
11 world language program. However, the noncertificated staff providing  
12 the language instruction must: (1) Be able to speak and write the  
13 language fluently; and (2) speak English.

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