

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2781

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS--STATE HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 27, 2008, 3:24 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2781** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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March 28, 2008

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Wallace, Chase, Sells, Conway, Morrell, Haigh,
Hankins, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing Washington state history and
2 government course requirements for high school graduation; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The study of the state's history and
6 government is vital to providing a well-rounded education to students.
7 It is important for students to have a firm understanding of where we
8 have come from as a state and the institutions that guide and serve
9 citizens of the state. It is equally important to provide students
10 with context for the information that enables them to apply it to the
11 present and future, with an understanding of Washington's place in our
12 country and the broader global community.

13 The legislature finds that the current high school graduation
14 requirements for coursework in Washington state history and government
15 should be enhanced to ensure students understand the complex issues of
16 today's world and Washington's place in the global community. It is
17 therefore the intent of the legislature to modernize high school
18 graduation requirements for coursework in Washington state history and
19 government.

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

3 Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, school districts shall
4 ensure that any course in Washington state history and government
5 offered to fulfill high school requirements includes, but is not
6 limited to, the following content:

7 (1) Commerce in Washington state and Washington's place in a global
8 economy;

9 (2) The Constitution of the state of Washington and Washington
10 state politics. Educators are encouraged to incorporate instruction on
11 the meaning and history of the pledge of allegiance into existing
12 coursework on state politics. The superintendent of public instruction
13 shall adopt rules to provide guidance for complying with this
14 subsection;

15 (3) Washington state geography; and

16 (4) Washington state history and culture.

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