

SB 6048 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2422.3/09) **131**
By Senator Roach

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1 On page 37, after line 24 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 607.** The legislature recognizes that student
3 learning experiences are enhanced through many activities selected by
4 students and parents outside the classroom environment. The
5 legislature finds that recognizing the value of these educational
6 activities through awarding high school physical education, visual and
7 performing arts, and elective credits for participation in these
8 activities will help encourage parental involvement in their
9 children's education, improve student learning through encouraging
10 students to take advantage of a broader variety of educational
11 opportunities, and provide students with the time to take additional
12 academic courses during the school day.

13 **Sec. 608.** RCW 28A.230.090 and 2006 c 114 s 3 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The state board of education shall establish high school
16 graduation requirements or equivalencies for students, except those
17 equivalencies established by local high schools or school districts
18 under RCW 28A.230.097.

19 (a) Any course in Washington state history and government used to
20 fulfill high school graduation requirements shall consider including
21 information on the culture, history, and government of the American
22 Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state.

23 (b) The certificate of academic achievement requirements under RCW
24 28A.655.061 or the certificate of individual achievement requirements
25 under RCW 28A.155.045 are required for graduation from a public high
26 school but are not the only requirements for graduation.

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

1 (2) In recognition of the statutory authority of the state board of
2 education to establish and enforce minimum high school graduation
3 requirements, the state board shall periodically reevaluate the
4 graduation requirements and shall report such findings to the
5 legislature in a timely manner as determined by the state board. The
6 state board shall reevaluate the graduation requirements for students
7 enrolled in vocationally intensive and rigorous career and technical
8 education programs, particularly those programs that lead to a
9 certificate or credential that is state or nationally recognized. The
10 purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that students enrolled in these
11 programs have sufficient opportunity to earn a certificate of academic
12 achievement, complete the program and earn the program's certificate or
13 credential, and complete other state and local graduation requirements.
14 The board shall (~~reports—[report]~~) report its findings and
15 recommendations for additional flexibility in graduation requirements,
16 if necessary, to the legislature by December 1, 2007.

17 (3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other
18 than English established by the state board of education or a local
19 school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation,
20 students who receive instruction in American sign language or one or
21 more American Indian languages shall be considered to have satisfied
22 the state or local school district graduation requirement for
23 instruction in one or more languages other than English.

24 (4) The state board of education shall provide by rule for high
25 school credit equivalencies for physical education, visual and
26 performing arts, and elective requirements for educational experiences
27 selected by parents and students consistent with policies adopted by
28 local school boards under section 3 of this act.

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

33 (a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic
34 level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth
35 grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing
36 the same course requirements and examinations as the high school
37 students enrolled in the class; or

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

6 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Students who have taken and successfully completed high
7 school courses under the circumstances in subsection ~~((+4))~~ (5) of
8 this section shall not be required to take an additional competency
9 examination or perform any other additional assignment to receive
10 credit.

11 ~~((+6))~~ (7) At the college or university level, five quarter or
12 three semester hours equals one high school credit.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 609. A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 A school district board of directors shall grant high school credit
16 for certain educational experiences selected by parents and students
17 consistent with the policies adopted by the school board. By
18 September 1, 2010, each school district board of directors shall adopt
19 a policy granting high school credit for certain educational
20 experiences selected by students or parents. The policy shall describe
21 the number of credits granted and the equivalencies for the district's
22 current high school graduation requirements for physical education,
23 visual and performing arts, and electives. Experiences qualifying for
24 educational credit shall include but not be limited to activities under
25 the supervision of the Washington interscholastic activities
26 association or other nonprofit voluntary entity responsible for
27 interschool extracurricular activities; other activities approved by
28 the school board and recognized by regional organizations; and other
29 activities approved by the school board."

30 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
31 internal references accordingly.

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1 On page 38, line 25 of the title amendment, after "28A.180.080,"
2 strike "and 28A.225.200" and insert "28A.225.200, and 28A.230.090"

3 On page 39, line 4 of the title amendment, after "28A.500 RCW;"
4 insert "adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW;"

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