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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that preparing 4 students be successful in postsecondary education, to employment, and citizenship requires increased rigor and achievement, 5 6 including attaining a meaningful high school diploma with the opportunity to earn twenty-four credits. The legislature finds that an 7 8 investment was made in the 2013-2015 omnibus appropriations act to 9 implement an increase in instructional hours in the 2014-15 school 10 School districts informed the legislature that the funding as year. 11 provided in the 2013-2015 omnibus appropriations act would result in 12 only a few minutes being added onto each class period and would not 13 result in a meaningful increase in instruction that would have the positive impact on student learning that the legislature expects. 14 school districts suggested that it would be a better educational policy 15 16 to use the funds to implement the requirement of twenty-four credits 17 for high school graduation, which will result in a meaningful increase of instructional hours. Based on input from school districts across 18 19 the state, the legislature recognizes the need to provide flexibility 20 for school districts to implement the increase in instructional hours 21 while still moving towards an increase in the high school graduation 22 requirements. Therefore, the legislature intends to shift the focus and intent of the investments from compliance with the minimum 23 24 instructional hours offering to assisting school districts to provide 25 an opportunity for students to earn twenty-four credits for high school 26 graduation and obtain a meaningful diploma, beginning with the graduating class of 2019. 27

28 PART I

29 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EQUIVALENCIES

1 **Sec. 101.** RCW 28A.700.070 and 2008 c 170 s 201 are each amended to read as follows:

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- (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall support school district efforts under RCW 28A.230.097 to adopt course equivalencies for career and technical courses by:
- (a) Recommending career and technical curriculum suitable for course equivalencies;
- (b) Publicizing best practices for high schools and school districts in developing and adopting course equivalencies; and
- (c) In consultation with the Washington association for career and technical education, providing professional development, technical assistance, and guidance for school districts seeking to expand their lists of equivalent courses.
- (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide professional development, technical assistance, and guidance for school districts to develop career and technical course equivalencies that also qualify as advanced placement courses.
- (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with one or more technical working groups convened for this purpose, shall develop curriculum frameworks for a selected list of career and technical courses that may be offered by high schools or skill centers whose content in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics is considered equivalent in full or in part to science or mathematics courses that meet high school graduation requirements. The content of the courses must be aligned with state essential academic learning requirements in mathematics as adopted by the superintendent of public instruction in July 2011 and the essential academic learning requirements in science as adopted in October 2013, and industry standards. The office shall submit the list of equivalent career and technical courses and their curriculum frameworks to the state board of education for review, an opportunity for public comment, and approval. The first list of courses under this subsection must be developed and approved before the 2015-16 school year. Thereafter, the office may periodically update or revise the list of courses using the process in this subsection.
- (4) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate grant funds to school districts to increase the integration and rigor of academic

instruction in career and technical courses. Grant recipients are encouraged to use grant funds to support teams of academic and technical teachers using a research-based professional development model supported by the national research center for career and technical education. The office of the superintendent of public instruction may require that grant recipients provide matching resources using federal Carl Perkins funds or other fund sources.

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Sec. 102. RCW 28A.230.097 and 2013 c 241 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Each high school or school district board of directors shall adopt course equivalencies for career and technical high school courses offered to students in high schools and skill centers. A career and technical course equivalency may be for whole or partial credit. Each school district board of directors shall develop a course equivalency approval procedure. Boards of directors must approve AP computer science courses as equivalent to high school mathematics or science, and must denote on a student's transcript that AP computer science qualifies as a math-based quantitative course for students who take the course in their senior year. In order for a board to approve AP computer science as equivalent to high school mathematics, the student must be concurrently enrolled in or have successfully completed algebra II. Beginning no later than the 2015-16 school year, a school district board of directors must, at a minimum, grant academic course equivalency in mathematics or science for a high school career and technical course, if the course is offered, from the list of courses approved by the state board of education under RCW 28A.700.070, but is not limited to the courses on the list. If the list of courses is revised after the 2015-16 school year, the school district board of directors must grant academic course equivalency based on the revised list beginning with the school year immediately following the revision.
- (2) Career and technical courses determined to be equivalent to academic core courses, in full or in part, by the high school or school district shall be accepted as meeting core requirements, including graduation requirements, if the courses are recorded on the student's transcript using the equivalent academic high school department designation and title. Full or partial credit shall be recorded as appropriate. The high school or school district shall also issue and

keep record of course completion certificates that demonstrate that the career and technical courses were successfully completed as needed for industry certification, college credit, or preapprenticeship, as applicable. The certificate shall be either part of the student's high school and beyond plan or the student's culminating project, as determined by the student. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop and make available electronic samples of

9 PART II

certificates of course completion.

INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- **Sec. 201.** RCW 28A.150.220 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 9 s 2 are each 12 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) In order for students to have the opportunity to develop the basic education knowledge and skills under RCW 28A.150.210, school districts must provide instruction of sufficient quantity and quality and give students the opportunity to complete graduation requirements that are intended to prepare them for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship. The program established under this section shall be the minimum instructional program of basic education offered by school districts.
 - (2) Each school district shall make available to students the following minimum instructional offering each school year:
 - (a) For students enrolled in grades one through twelve, at least a district-wide annual average of one thousand hours, which shall be increased beginning in the 2015-16 school year to at least one thousand eighty instructional hours for students enrolled in ((each of)) grades ((seven)) nine through twelve and at least one thousand instructional hours for students in ((each of)) grades one through ((six according to an implementation schedule adopted by the legislature, but not before the 2014-15 school year)) eight, all of which may be calculated by a school district using a district-wide annual average of instructional hours over grades one through twelve; and
- 33 (b) For students enrolled in kindergarten, at least four hundred 34 fifty instructional hours, which shall be increased to at least one 35 thousand instructional hours according to the implementation schedule 36 under RCW 28A.150.315.

(3) The instructional program of basic education provided by each 1 2 school district shall include:

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- (a) Instruction in the essential academic learning requirements under RCW 28A.655.070;
- (b) Instruction that provides students the opportunity to complete twenty-four credits for high school graduation, ((subject to a phasedin implementation of the twenty four credits as established by the legislature)) beginning with the graduating class of 2019. distribution requirements may be established by the state board of education under RCW 28A.230.090;
- (c) If the essential academic learning requirements include a requirement of languages other than English, the requirement may be met by students receiving instruction in one or more American Indian languages;
- Supplemental instruction and services for underachieving 15 (d) students through the learning assistance program under RCW 28A.165.005 16 17 through 28A.165.065;
 - (e) Supplemental instruction and services for eligible and enrolled students and exited students whose primary language is other than English through the transitional bilingual instruction program under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080;
 - (f) The opportunity for an appropriate education at public expense defined by RCW 28A.155.020 for all eligible students with disabilities as defined in RCW 28A.155.020; and
 - (g) Programs for highly capable students under RCW 28A.185.010 through 28A.185.030.
 - (4) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require individual students to attend school for any particular number of hours per day or to take any particular courses.
 - (5)(a) Each school district's kindergarten through twelfth grade basic educational program shall be accessible to all students who are five years of age, as provided by RCW 28A.225.160, and less than twenty-one years of age and shall consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty school days per school year in such grades as are conducted by a school district, and one hundred eighty half-days of instruction, or equivalent, in kindergarten, to be increased to a minimum of one hundred eighty school days per school year according the implementation schedule under RCW 28A.150.315. ((However,))

(b) Schools administering the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills may use up to three school days at the beginning of the school year to meet with parents and families as required in the parent involvement component of the inventory. ((In addition, effective May 1, 1979,))

- (c) In the case of students who are graduating from high school, a school district may schedule the last five school days of the one hundred ((and)) eighty day school year for noninstructional purposes ((in the case of students who are graduating from high school,)) including, but not limited to, the observance of graduation and early release from school upon the request of a student((, and)). All such students may be claimed as a full-time equivalent student to the extent they could otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260. Any hours scheduled by a school district for noninstructional purposes during the last five school days for such students shall count toward the instructional hours requirement in subsection (2)(a) of this section.
 - (6) Nothing in this section precludes a school district from enriching the instructional program of basic education, such as offering additional instruction or providing additional services, programs, or activities that the school district determines to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students.
 - (7) The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement and ensure compliance with the program requirements imposed by this section, RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260, and such related supplemental program approval requirements as the state board may establish.
- **Sec. 202.** RCW 28A.230.090 and 2011 c 203 s 2 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
 - (1) The state board of education shall establish high school graduation requirements or equivalencies for students, except as provided in RCW 28A.230.122 and except those equivalencies established by local high schools or school districts under RCW 28A.230.097. The purpose of a high school diploma is to declare that a student is ready for success in postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship, and is equipped with the skills to be a lifelong learner.
 - (a) Any course in Washington state history and government used to

fulfill high school graduation requirements shall consider including information on the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state.

- (b) The certificate of academic achievement requirements under RCW 28A.655.061 or the certificate of individual achievement requirements under RCW 28A.155.045 are required for graduation from a public high school but are not the only requirements for graduation.
- (c) Any decision on whether a student has met the state board's high school graduation requirements for a high school and beyond plan shall remain at the local level.
- (d) The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement the career and college ready graduation requirement proposal adopted under board resolution on November 10, 2010, and revised on January 9, 2014, to take effect beginning with the graduating class of 2019, which includes authorization for a school district to waive up to two credits on an individual student basis in accordance with the rules established by the state board of education.
- (2)(a) In recognition of the statutory authority of the state board of education to establish and enforce minimum high school graduation requirements, the state board shall periodically reevaluate the graduation requirements and shall report such findings to the legislature in a timely manner as determined by the state board.
- (b) The state board shall reevaluate the graduation requirements for students enrolled in vocationally intensive and rigorous career and technical education programs, particularly those programs that lead to a certificate or credential that is state or nationally recognized. The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that students enrolled in these programs have sufficient opportunity to earn a certificate of academic achievement, complete the program and earn the program's certificate or credential, and complete other state and local graduation requirements.
- (c) The state board shall forward any proposed changes to the high school graduation requirements to the education committees of the legislature for review and to the quality education council established under RCW 28A.290.010. The legislature shall have the opportunity to act during a regular legislative session before the changes are adopted through administrative rule by the state board. Changes that have a fiscal impact on school districts, as identified by a fiscal analysis

prepared by the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall take effect only if formally authorized and funded by the legislature through the omnibus appropriations act or other enacted legislation.

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- (3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other than English established by the state board of education or a local school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation, students who receive instruction in American sign language or one or more American Indian languages shall be considered to have satisfied the state or local school district graduation requirement for instruction in one or more languages other than English.
- (4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student who has completed high school courses before attending high school shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to fulfilling high school graduation requirements if:
- (a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing the same course requirements and examinations as the high school students enrolled in the class; or
- (b) The academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes and the course would qualify for high school credit, because the course is similar or equivalent to a course offered at a high school in the district as determined by the school district board of directors.
- (5) Students who have taken and successfully completed high school courses under the circumstances in subsection (4) of this section shall not be required to take an additional competency examination or perform any other additional assignment to receive credit.
- 30 (6) At the college or university level, five quarter or three 31 semester hours equals one high school credit.
- 32 **Sec. 203.** RCW 28A.150.260 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 27 s 2 are each 33 amended to read as follows:
- 34 The purpose of this section is to provide for the allocation of 35 state funding that the legislature deems necessary to support school 36 districts in offering the minimum instructional program of basic

education under RCW 28A.150.220. The allocation shall be determined as 1 2 follows:

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- (1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula for the distribution of a basic education instructional allocation for each common school district.
- (2) The distribution formula under this section shall be for allocation purposes only. Except as may be required under chapter 28A.155, 28A.165, 28A.180, or 28A.185 RCW, or federal laws and regulations, nothing in this section requires school districts to use basic education instructional funds to implement a particular instructional approach or service. Nothing in this section requires school districts to maintain a particular classroom teacher-to-student ratio or other staff-to-student ratio or to use allocated funds to pay for particular types or classifications of staff. Nothing in this section entitles an individual teacher to a particular teacher planning period.
- (3)(a) To the extent the technical details of the formula have been adopted by the legislature and except when specifically provided as a school district allocation, the distribution formula for the basic education instructional allocation shall be based on minimum staffing and nonstaff costs the legislature deems necessary to support instruction and operations in prototypical schools serving high, middle, and elementary school students as provided in this section. The use of prototypical schools for the distribution formula does not constitute legislative intent that schools should be operated or structured in a similar fashion as the prototypes. Prototypical schools illustrate the level of resources needed to operate a school of a particular size with particular types and grade levels of students using commonly understood terms and inputs, such as class size, hours of instruction, and various categories of school staff. It is the intent that the funding allocations to school districts be adjusted from the school prototypes based on the actual number of annual average full-time equivalent students in each grade level at each school in the district and not based on the grade-level configuration of the school to the extent that data is available. The allocations shall be further adjusted from the school prototypes with minimum allocations for small

schools and to reflect other factors identified in the omnibus appropriations act.

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- (b) For the purposes of this section, prototypical schools are defined as follows:
 - (i) A prototypical high school has six hundred average annual fulltime equivalent students in grades nine through twelve;
- (ii) A prototypical middle school has four hundred thirty-two average annual full-time equivalent students in grades seven and eight; and
- 10 (iii) A prototypical elementary school has four hundred average 11 annual full-time equivalent students in grades kindergarten through 12 six.
- (4)(a)(i) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall be based on the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers needed to provide instruction over the minimum required annual instructional hours under RCW 28A.150.220 and provide at least one teacher planning period per school day, and based on the following general education average class size of full-time equivalent students per teacher:

20	General education
21	average class size
22	Grades K-3
23	Grade 4
24	Grades 5-6
25	Grades 7-8
26	Grades 9-12
27	(ii) The minimum class size allocation for each prototypical high
28	school shall also provide for enhanced funding for class size reduction
29	for two laboratory science classes within grades nine through twelve

for two laboratory science classes within grades nine through twelve per full-time equivalent high school student multiplied by a laboratory science course factor of 0.0833, based on the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers needed to provide instruction over the minimum required annual instructional hours in RCW 28A.150.220, and providing at least one teacher planning period per school day:

(b) During the 2011-2013 biennium and beginning with schools with 1 2 the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals in the prior school year, the general education average class 3 size for grades K-3 shall be reduced until the average class size 4 funded under this subsection (4) is no more than 17.0 full-time 5 equivalent students per teacher beginning in the 2017-18 school year. 6 (c) The minimum allocation for each prototypical middle and high 7 8 school shall also provide for full-time equivalent classroom teachers based on the following number of full-time equivalent students per 9 teacher in career and technical education: 10 11 Career and technical 12 education average class size 13 14 Approved career and technical education offered at 15 Skill center programs meeting the standards established 16 by the office of the superintendent of public 17 18 (d) In addition, the omnibus appropriations act shall at a minimum 19 20 specify: 21 (i) A high-poverty average class size in schools where more than 22 fifty percent of the students are eligible for free and reduced-price 23 meals; and 24 (ii) A specialty average class size for ((laboratory science,)) advanced placement ((-)) and international baccalaureate courses. 25 (5) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school 26 27 shall include allocations for the following types of staff in addition to classroom teachers: 28 29 30

32		Elementary	Middle	High
33		School	School	School
34	Principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level			
35	administrators	1.253	1.353	1.880

1	Teacher librarians, a function that includes information literacy, technology,							
2	and media to support school library media programs	0.519	0.523					
3	Health and social services:							
4	School nurses							
5	Social workers	0.042	0.006	0.015				
6	Psychologists	0.017	0.002	0.007				
7	Guidance counselors, a function that includes parent outreach and graduation							
8	advising							
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10	Teaching assistance, including any aspect of educational instructional							
11	services provided by classified employees	0.936	0.700	0.652				
12	Office support and other noninstructional aides	2.012	2.325	3.269				
13	Custodians	1.657	1.942	2.965				
14	Classified staff providing student and staff safety	0.079	0.092	0.141				
15	Parent involvement coordinators	0.00	0.00	0.00				

(6)(a) The minimum staffing allocation for each school district to provide district-wide support services shall be allocated per one thousand annual average full-time equivalent students in grades K-12 as follows:

20	Staff per 1,000
21	K-12 students
22	Technology
23	Facilities, maintenance, and grounds
24	Warehouse, laborers, and mechanics

- (b) The minimum allocation of staff units for each school district to support certificated and classified staffing of central administration shall be 5.30 percent of the staff units generated under subsections (4)(a) and (b) and (5) of this section and (a) of this subsection.
- (7) The distribution formula shall include staffing allocations to school districts for career and technical education and skill center administrative and other school-level certificated staff, as specified in the omnibus appropriations act.
- 34 (8)(a) Except as provided in (b) <u>and (c)</u> of this subsection, the 35 minimum allocation for each school district shall include allocations

1	per annual average full-time equivalent student for the following								
2	materials, supplies, and operating costs, to be adjusted for inflation								
3	from the 2008-09 school year:								
4	Per annual average								
5	full-time equivalent student								
6	in grades K-12								
7	Technology								
8	Utilities and insurance								
9	Curriculum and textbooks								
10	Other supplies and library materials \$124.07								
11	Instructional professional development for certified and								
12	classified staff								
13	Facilities maintenance								
14	Security and central office								
15	(b) During the 2011-2013 biennium, the minimum allocation for								
16	maintenance, supplies, and operating costs shall be increased as								
17	specified in the omnibus appropriations act. The following								
18	allocations, adjusted for inflation from the 2007-08 school year, are								
19	provided in the 2015-16 school year, after which the allocations shall								
20	be adjusted annually for inflation as specified in the omnibus								
21	appropriations act:								
22	Per annual average								
23	full-time equivalent student								
24	in grades K-12								
25	Technology								
26	Utilities and insurance								
27	Curriculum and textbooks								
28	Other supplies and library materials \$259.39								
29	Instructional professional development for certificated and								
30	classified staff								
31	Facilities maintenance								
32	Security and central office administration \$106.12								
33	(c) In addition to the amounts provided in (a) and (b) of this								
34	subsection, beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the omnibus								
35	appropriations act shall provide the following minimum allocation for								
36	each annual average full-time equivalent student in grades nine through								

1	<u>twelve</u>	for	the	follow	ing	materials,	supplies,	and	operating	costs,	to
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3	Per annual average
4	full-time equivalent student
5	in grades 9-12
6	Technology
7	Curriculum and textbooks
8	Other supplies and library materials \$82.84
9	Instructional professional development for certificated and
10	classified staff

(9) In addition to the amounts provided in subsection (8) of this section, the omnibus appropriations act shall provide an amount based on full-time equivalent student enrollment in each of the following:

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- (a) Exploratory career and technical education courses for students in grades seven through twelve;
- (b) ((Laboratory science courses for students in grades nine through twelve;
- (c))) Preparatory career and technical education courses for students in grades nine through twelve offered in a high school; and
- $((\frac{d}{d}))$ (c) Preparatory career and technical education courses for students in grades eleven and twelve offered through a skill center.
- (10) In addition to the allocations otherwise provided under this section, amounts shall be provided to support the following programs and services:
- (a) provide supplemental instruction and services for underachieving students through the learning assistance program under RCW 28A.165.005 through 28A.165.065, allocations shall be based on the district percentage of students in grades K-12 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the prior school year. The minimum allocation for the program shall provide for each level of prototypical school resources to provide, on a statewide average, 1.5156 hours per week in extra instruction with a class size of fifteen learning assistance program students per teacher.
- (b) To provide supplemental instruction and services for students whose primary language is other than English, allocations shall be based on the head count number of students in each school who are eligible for and enrolled in the transitional bilingual instruction program under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080. The minimum

allocation for each level of prototypical school shall provide 1 2 resources to provide, on a statewide average, 4.7780 hours per week in extra instruction with fifteen transitional bilingual instruction 3 4 program students per teacher. Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection (10), the actual per-student allocation may be scaled to 5 provide a larger allocation for students needing more intensive 6 intervention and a commensurate reduced allocation for students needing 7 less intensive intervention, as detailed in the omnibus appropriations 8 9 act.

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- (c) To provide additional allocations to support programs for highly capable students under RCW 28A.185.010 through 28A.185.030, allocations shall be based on two and three hundred fourteen one-thousandths percent of each school district's full-time equivalent basic education enrollment. The minimum allocation for the programs shall provide resources to provide, on a statewide average, 2.1590 hours per week in extra instruction with fifteen highly capable program students per teacher.
- (11) The allocations under subsections (4)(a) and (b), (5), (6), and (8) of this section shall be enhanced as provided under RCW 28A.150.390 on an excess cost basis to provide supplemental instructional resources for students with disabilities.
 - (12)(a) For the purposes of allocations for prototypical high schools and middle schools under subsections (4) and (10) of this section that are based on the percent of students in the school who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, the actual percent of such students in a school shall be adjusted by a factor identified in the omnibus appropriations act to reflect underreporting of free and reduced-price meal eligibility among middle and high school students.
 - (b) Allocations or enhancements provided under subsections (4), (7), and (9) of this section for exploratory and preparatory career and technical education courses shall be provided only for courses approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction under chapter 28A.700 RCW.
- 34 (13)(a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds 35 shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The 36 recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or 37 rejection by the legislature.

- 1 (b) In the event the legislature rejects the distribution formula 2 recommended by the governor, without adopting a new distribution 3 formula, the distribution formula for the previous school year shall 4 remain in effect.
- (c) The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average 5 number of full-time equivalent students and part-time students as 6 provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each 7 8 month, including students who are in attendance pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing 9 school district. The definition of full-time equivalent student shall 10 be determined by rules of the superintendent of public instruction and 11 12 shall be included as part of the superintendent's biennial budget 13 The definition shall be based on the minimum instructional request. hour offerings required under RCW 28A.150.220. Any revision of the 14 present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house 15 ways and means committee and the senate ways and means committee. 16
- 17 (d) The office of financial management shall make a monthly review 18 of the superintendent's reported full-time equivalent students in the 19 common schools in conjunction with RCW 43.62.050.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 204. Section 203 of this act takes effect September 1, 2014."
- 22 Correct the title.

<u>EFFECT:</u> Moves a phrase within a sentence to make it clearer that the 24-credit graduation requirements proposal takes effect with the graduating class of 2019.

Simplifies the statutory language that specifies the additional allocation in the prototypical school funding formula for high school laboratory science class size.

Adds an effective date for the beginning of the next school fiscal year for the changes to the prototypical school funding formula in the bill.

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