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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Boehnke, Kloba, Callan, Davis, Dolan, Riccelli, Bergquist, Lekanoff, and Shewmake; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

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1 AN ACT Relating to access to higher education; and amending RCW
2 28A.635.060 and 28A.325.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.635.060 and 1997 c 266 s 13 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any pupil who defaces or otherwise injures any school
7 property, or property belonging to a school contractor, employee, or
8 another student, is subject to suspension and punishment. If any
9 property of the school district, a contractor of the district, an
10 employee, or another student has been lost or willfully cut, defaced,
11 or injured, the school district may withhold the grades, diploma, and
12 transcripts of the pupil responsible for the damage or loss until the
13 pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian has paid for the damages,
14 except that the school district must release the pupil's grades and
15 transcripts three years after the pupil exits the school district. If
16 the student is suspended, the student may not be readmitted until the
17 student or parents or legal guardian has made payment in full or
18 until directed by the superintendent of schools. If the property
19 damaged is a school bus owned and operated by or contracted to any
20 school district, a student suspended for the damage may not be
21 permitted to enter or ride any school bus until the student or parent

1 or legal guardian has made payment in full or until directed by the
2 superintendent. When the pupil and parent or guardian are unable to
3 pay for the damages, the school district shall provide a program of
4 (~~voluntary work~~) community service opportunities for the pupil (~~in~~
5 ~~lieu~~) instead of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of
6 (~~voluntary work~~) community service the grades, diploma, and
7 transcripts of the pupil shall be released. The parent or guardian of
8 such pupil shall be liable for damages as otherwise provided by law.

9 (2) When informing either the pupil or the pupil's parent or
10 guardian that the pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts are being
11 withheld as allowed under subsection (1) of this section, a school
12 district must provide the following information:

13 (a) The school district may waive the payment of the monetary
14 damage in part or in full;

15 (b) The pupil may make the payment of monetary damages;

16 (c) The pupil may participate in a program of community service
17 opportunities for the pupil instead of the payment of monetary
18 damages; and

19 (d) The school district must release the pupil's grades and
20 transcripts three years after the pupil exits the school district.
21 When the pupil has already exited the school district, the school
22 district must inform the pupil of the date on which the school
23 district is obligated to release the pupil's grades and transcripts.

24 (3) Before any penalties are assessed under this section, a
25 school district board of directors shall adopt procedures which
26 insure that pupils' rights to due process are protected.

27 (~~(3)~~) (4) If the department of social and health services or a
28 child-placing agency licensed by the department has been granted
29 custody of a child, that child's records, if requested by the
30 department or agency, are not to be withheld for nonpayment of school
31 fees or any other reason.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.325.050 and 2020 c 13 s 10 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) Each school district that has an associated student body
35 program fund must publish the following information about the fund on
36 its website:

37 (a) The fund balance at the beginning of the school year;

38 (b) Summary data about expenditures and revenues occurring over
39 the course of the school year; and

1 (c) The fund balance at the end of the school year.

2 (2) Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, each school district
3 that has an associated student body must publish the following
4 information on its website:

5 (a) Data related to high school student possession of an
6 associated student body card and high school student participation in
7 school-based extracurricular activities collected under RCW
8 28A.320.540;

9 (b) The school district's extracurricular activity opportunity
10 gap reduction plan if required under RCW 28A.320.580; and

11 (c) A list of optional noncredit extracurricular event attendance
12 and participation fees and the school district policy for waiving and
13 reducing these fees as described under RCW 28A.325.010.

14 (3) Each school district that has an associated student body must
15 publish the following information on its website: How many former
16 students who were enrolled in the school district within the previous
17 three years are subject to the withholding of their grades, diplomas,
18 or transcripts as permitted under RCW 28A.635.060; and how many of
19 these former students were eligible for the federal free or reduced-
20 price meals program in their last year of enrollment in the school
21 district.

22 (4) The information under this section must be published for each
23 associated student body of the district and each account within the
24 associated student body program fund.

25 ~~((4))~~ (5) If the school district website contains separate
26 websites for schools in the district, the information under this
27 section must be published on the website of the applicable school of
28 the associated student body.

29 ~~((5))~~ (6) School districts must add updated annual information
30 to their websites by each August 31st, except that school districts
31 are only required to maintain the information on the website from the
32 previous five years.

33 ~~((6))~~ (7) For purposes of this section, the definitions in RCW
34 28A.320.530 apply.

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