SENATE BILL 5014

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AN ACT Relating to reducing state assessment requirements to only 1 2 those required for federal purposes in order to facilitate removal of 3 inequitable barriers to students; amending RCW 28A.155.170, 28A.180.100, 28A.195.010, 28A.200.010, 28A.230.090, 28A.230.122, 4 28A.230.125, 28A.305.130, 28A.320.190, 28A.320.208, 28A.415.360, 5 6 28A.600.310, 28A.655.061, 28A.655.066, 28A.655.068, 28A.655.090, 7 28A.655.185, 28A.655.200, 28A.655.070, 28A.700.080, and 28B.15.520; 8 creating a new section; and repealing RCW 28A.155.045, 28A.600.405, 28A.655.063, and 28A.655.065. 9

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

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that Washington has increased expectations for schools and students by implementing 12 13 significantly more challenging learning standards along with tests aligned to those standards. At the same time, the state is requiring 14 15 students to complete more coursework in order to graduate. Each of 16 these changes creates a higher bar for graduation, improves student 17 achievement, and will better prepare students to be college and 18 career ready.

The legislature also recognizes that Washington still continues to use state tests as graduation requirements even though research shows that the use of tests as a high stakes graduation requirement 1 does not consistently improve student achievement; reduce the 2 opportunity gap; or increase graduation rates, postsecondary 3 attainment, or workforce outcomes. Instead, the negative impacts of a 4 high stakes testing system often disproportionately affect the 5 state's most vulnerable students.

6 Sec. 2. RCW 28A.155.170 and 2007 c 318 s 2 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2007, each school district that operates a 8 9 high school shall establish a policy and procedures that permit any student who is receiving special education or related services under 10 11 an individualized education program pursuant to state and federal law and who will continue to receive such services between the ages of 12 eighteen and twenty-one to participate in the graduation ceremony and 13 activities after four years of high school attendance with his or her 14 15 age-appropriate peers and receive a certificate of attendance.

16 (2) Participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt of a 17 certificate of attendance under this section does not preclude a 18 student from continuing to receive special education and related 19 services under an individualized education program beyond the 20 graduation ceremony.

(3) A student's participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt of a certificate of attendance under this section shall not be construed as the student's receipt of ((either:

24 (a)) <u>a</u> high school diploma pursuant to RCW 28A.230.120((; or 25 (b) A certificate of individual achievement pursuant to RCW 26 28A.155.045)).

27 Sec. 3. RCW 28A.180.100 and 2004 c 19 s 105 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

29 The office of the superintendent of public instruction and the 30 state board for community and technical colleges shall jointly develop a program plan to provide a continuing education option for 31 32 students who are eligible for the state transitional bilingual instruction program and who need more time to develop language 33 proficiency but who are more age-appropriately suited for a 34 postsecondary learning environment than for a high school. ((In 35 developing the plan, the superintendent of public instruction shall 36 consider options to formally recognize the accomplishments of 37 38 students in the state transitional bilingual instruction program who

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have completed the twelfth grade but have not earned a certificate of academic achievement.)) By December 1, 2004, the agencies shall report to the legislative education and fiscal committees with any recommendations for legislative action and any resources necessary to implement the plan.

6 Sec. 4. RCW 28A.195.010 and 2018 c 177 s 201 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 The legislature hereby recognizes that private schools should be 9 subject only to those minimum state controls necessary to insure the 10 health and safety of all the students in the state and to insure a 11 sufficient basic education to meet usual graduation requirements. The 12 state, any agency or official thereof, shall not restrict or dictate 13 any specific educational or other programs for private schools except 14 as hereinafter in this section provided.

15 The administrative or executive authority of private schools or 16 private school districts shall file each year with the state board of 17 education a statement certifying that the minimum requirements hereinafter set forth are being met, noting any deviations. The state 18 education may request clarification or additional 19 board of 20 information. After review of the statement, the state board of education will notify schools or school districts of any concerns, 21 22 deficiencies, and deviations which must be corrected. If there are any unresolved concerns, deficiencies, or deviations, the school or 23 24 school district may request or the state board of education on its 25 own initiative may grant provisional status for one year in order that the school or school district may take action to meet the 26 27 requirements. The state board of education shall not require private 28 school students to meet the student learning goals, ((obtain a certificate of academic achievement, or a certificate of individual 29 30 achievement to graduate from high school,)) to ((master)) <u>learn</u> the 31 essential academic learning requirements, or to be assessed pursuant to RCW ((28A.655.061)) <u>28A.655.070</u>. However, private schools may 32 choose, on a voluntary basis, to have their students ((master)) learn 33 these essential academic learning requirements $((\tau))$ or take the 34 35 assessments ((, and obtain a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement)). Minimum requirements shall 36 37 be as follows:

38 (1) The minimum school year for instructional purposes shall 39 consist of no less than one hundred eighty school days or the

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equivalent in annual minimum instructional hour offerings, with a school-wide annual average total instructional hour offering of one thousand hours for students enrolled in grades one through twelve, and at least four hundred fifty hours for students enrolled in kindergarten.

6 (2) The school day shall be the same as defined in RCW 7 28A.150.203.

8 (3) All classroom teachers shall hold appropriate Washington9 state certification except as follows:

10 (a) Teachers for religious courses or courses for which no 11 counterpart exists in public schools shall not be required to obtain 12 a state certificate to teach those courses.

(b) In exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without certification may teach students so long as a certified person exercises general supervision. Annual written statements shall be submitted to the state board of education reporting and explaining such circumstances.

18 (4) An approved private school may operate an extension program 19 for parents, guardians, or persons having legal custody of a child to 20 teach children in their custody. The extension program shall require 21 at a minimum that:

(a) The parent, guardian, or custodian be under the supervision
 of an employee of the approved private school who is certificated
 under chapter 28A.410 RCW;

(b) The planning by the certificated person and the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody include objectives consistent with this subsection and subsections (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7) of this section;

(c) The certificated person spend a minimum average each month of one contact hour per week with each student under his or her supervision who is enrolled in the approved private school extension program;

33 (d) Each student's progress be evaluated by the certificated 34 person; and

35 (e) The certificated employee shall not supervise more than 36 thirty students enrolled in the approved private school's extension 37 program.

38 (5) Appropriate measures shall be taken to safeguard all 39 permanent records against loss or damage.

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1 (6) The physical facilities of the school or district shall be 2 adequate to meet the program offered by the school or district: 3 PROVIDED, That each school building shall meet reasonable health and 4 fire safety requirements. A residential dwelling of the parent, 5 guardian, or custodian shall be deemed to be an adequate physical 6 facility when a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody is 7 instructing his or her child under subsection (4) of this section.

8 (7) Private school curriculum shall include instruction of the 9 basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, 10 language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, 11 spelling, and the development of appreciation of art and music, all 12 in sufficient units for meeting state board of education graduation 13 requirements.

14 (8) Each school or school district shall be required to maintain 15 up-to-date policy statements related to the administration and 16 operation of the school or school district.

All decisions of policy, philosophy, selection of books, teaching material, curriculum, except as in subsection (7) of this section provided, school rules and administration, or other matters not specifically referred to in this section, shall be the responsibility of the administration and administrators of the particular private school involved.

23 Sec. 5. RCW 28A.200.010 and 2004 c 19 s 107 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

(1) Each parent whose child is receiving home-based instruction under RCW 28A.225.010(4) shall have the duty to:

27 (a) File annually a signed declaration of intent that he or she is planning to cause his or her child to receive home-based 28 instruction. The statement shall include the name and age of the 29 30 child, shall specify whether a certificated person will be supervising the instruction, and shall be written in a format 31 prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. Each parent 32 shall file the statement by September 15th of the school year or 33 within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter, 34 35 trimester, or semester with the superintendent of the public school district within which the parent resides or the district that accepts 36 the transfer, and the student shall be deemed a transfer student of 37 38 the nonresident district. Parents may apply for transfer under RCW 28A.225.220; 39

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1 (b) Ensure that test scores or annual academic progress assessments and immunization records, together with any other records 2 that are kept relating to the instructional and educational 3 activities provided, are forwarded to any other public or private 4 school to which the child transfers. At the time of a transfer to a 5 6 public school, the superintendent of the local school district in which the child enrolls may require a standardized achievement test 7 to be administered and shall have the authority to determine the 8 appropriate grade and course level placement of the child after 9 10 consultation with parents and review of the child's records; and

(c) Ensure that a standardized achievement test approved by the 11 12 state board of education is administered annually to the child by a qualified individual or that an annual assessment of the student's 13 academic progress is written by a certificated person who 14 is 15 currently working in the field of education. The state board of education shall not require these children to meet the student 16 learning goals, ((master)) <u>learn</u> the essential academic learning 17 requirements, ((to)) or take the assessments((, or to obtain a 18 19 certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement pursuant to RCW 28A.655.061 and 28A.155.045)) under RCW 20 28A.655.070. The standardized test administered or the annual 21 22 academic progress assessment written shall be made a part of the 23 child's permanent records. If, as a result of the annual test or assessment, it is determined that the child is not making reasonable 24 25 progress consistent with his or her age or stage of development, the 26 parent shall make a good faith effort to remedy any deficiency.

27 (2) Failure of a parent to comply with the duties in this section 28 shall be deemed a failure of such parent's child to attend school without valid justification under RCW 28A.225.020. Parents who do 29 comply with the duties set forth in this section shall be presumed to 30 31 be providing home-based instruction as set forth in RCW 32 28A.225.010(4).

33 Sec. 6. RCW 28A.230.090 and 2018 c 229 s 1 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

35 (1) The state board of education shall establish high school 36 graduation requirements or equivalencies for students, except as 37 provided in RCW 28A.230.122 and except those equivalencies 38 established by local high schools or school districts under RCW 39 28A.230.097. The purpose of a high school diploma is to declare that 1 a student is ready for success in postsecondary education, gainful 2 employment, and citizenship, and is equipped with the skills to be a 3 lifelong learner.

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

8 (b) ((The certificate of academic achievement requirements under 9 RCW 28A.655.061 or the certificate of individual achievement 10 requirements under RCW 28A.155.045 are required for graduation from a 11 public high school but are not the only requirements for graduation.

12 (c))(i) Each student must have a high school and beyond plan to 13 guide the student's high school experience and prepare the student 14 for postsecondary education or training and career.

(ii) A high school and beyond plan must be initiated for each student during the seventh or eighth grade. In preparation for initiating that plan, each student must first be administered a career interest and skills inventory.

(iii) The high school and beyond plan must be updated to reflect 19 high school assessment results in RCW 28A.655.070(3)(b) and to review 20 21 transcripts, assess progress toward identified goals, and revised as 22 necessary for changing interests, goals, and needs. The plan must 23 identify available interventions and academic support, courses, or both, that are designed for students who have not met the high school 24 25 graduation standard, to enable them to meet the standard. School 26 districts are encouraged to involve parents and guardians in the process of developing and updating the high school and beyond plan, 27 28 and the plan must be provided to the students' parents or guardians in their native language if that language is one of the two most 29 frequently spoken non-English languages of students in the district. 30 31 Nothing in this subsection (1)((-(c))) <u>(b)</u>(iii) prevents districts 32 from providing high school and beyond plans to parents and guardians 33 in additional languages that are not required by this subsection.

34 (iv) All high school and beyond plans must, at a minimum, include 35 the following elements:

36 (A) Identification of career goals, aided by a skills and 37 interest assessment;

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(B) Identification of educational goals;

39 (C) Identification of dual credit programs and the opportunities40 they create for students, including but not limited to career and

1 technical education programs, running start programs, and college in 2 the high school programs;

3 (D) Information about the college bound scholarship program 4 established in chapter 28B.118 RCW;

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(E) A four-year plan for course taking that:

6 (I) Includes information about options for satisfying state and 7 local graduation requirements;

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(II) Satisfies state and local graduation requirements;

9 (III) Aligns with the student's secondary and postsecondary 10 goals;

(IV) Identifies dual credit programs and the opportunities they create for students; and

13 (V) Includes information about the college bound scholarship 14 program; and

15 (F) By the end of the twelfth grade, a current resume or activity 16 log that provides a written compilation of the student's education, 17 any work experience, and any community service and how the school 18 district has recognized the community service pursuant to RCW 19 28A.320.193.

(((d))) <u>(c)</u> Any decision on whether a student has met the state 20 21 board's high school graduation requirements for a high school and 22 beyond plan shall remain at the local level. Effective with the 23 graduating class of 2015, the state board of education may not establish a requirement for students to complete a culminating 24 25 project for graduation. A district may establish additional, local 26 requirements for a high school and beyond plan to serve the needs and 27 interests of its students and the purposes of this section.

28 (((e))) <u>(d)</u>(i) The state board of education shall adopt rules to 29 implement the career and college ready graduation requirement proposal adopted under board resolution on November 10, 2010, and 30 31 revised on January 9, 2014, to take effect beginning with the 32 graduating class of 2019 or as otherwise provided in this subsection (1)(((e))) <u>(d)</u>. The rules must include authorization for a school 33 district to waive up to two credits for individual students based on 34 unusual circumstances and in accordance with written policies that 35 must be adopted by each board of directors of a school district that 36 grants diplomas. The rules must also provide that the content of the 37 third credit of mathematics and the content of the third credit of 38 39 science may be chosen by the student based on the student's interests and high school and beyond plan with agreement of the student's
 parent or guardian or agreement of the school counselor or principal.

3 (ii) School districts may apply to the state board of education for a waiver to implement the career and college ready graduation 4 requirement proposal beginning with the graduating class of 2020 or 5 6 2021 instead of the graduating class of 2019. In the application, a school district must describe why the waiver is being requested, the 7 specific impediments preventing timely implementation, and efforts 8 that will be taken to achieve implementation with the graduating 9 class proposed under the waiver. The state board of education shall 10 11 grant a waiver under this subsection (1)(((e))) (d) to an applying 12 school district at the next subsequent meeting of the board after receiving an application. 13

(iii) A school district must update the high school and beyond plans for each student who has not earned a score of level 3 or level 4 on the middle school mathematics assessment identified in RCW 28A.655.070 by ninth grade, to ensure that the student takes a mathematics course in both ninth and tenth grades. This course may include career and technical education equivalencies in mathematics adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.230.097.

(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 27 for students enrolled in vocationally intensive and rigorous career 28 29 and technical education programs, particularly those programs that lead to a certificate or credential that is state or nationally 30 31 recognized. The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that students 32 enrolled in these programs have sufficient opportunity to ((earn a certificate of academic achievement)) meet the state's essential 33 academic learning requirements, complete the program and earn the 34 program's certificate or credential, and complete other state and 35 36 local graduation requirements.

37 (c) The state board shall forward any proposed changes to the 38 high school graduation requirements to the education committees of 39 the legislature for review. The legislature shall have the 40 opportunity to act during a regular legislative session before the

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1 changes are adopted through administrative rule by the state board. 2 Changes that have a fiscal impact on school districts, as identified 3 by a fiscal analysis prepared by the office of the superintendent of 4 public instruction, shall take effect only if formally authorized and 5 funded by the legislature through the omnibus appropriations act or 6 other enacted legislation.

7 (3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other than English established by the state board of education or a 8 local school district, or both, for purposes of high school 9 graduation, students who receive instruction in American 10 siqn 11 language or one or more American Indian languages shall be considered 12 to have satisfied the state or local school district graduation requirement for instruction in one or more languages other than 13 14 English.

15 (4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student 16 who has completed high school courses before attending high school 17 shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to 18 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.

34 (6) At the college or university level, five quarter or three 35 semester hours equals one high school credit.

36 Sec. 7. RCW 28A.230.122 and 2011 c 203 s 1 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

38 (1) A student who fulfills the requirements specified in 39 subsection (3) of this section toward completion of an international

baccalaureate diploma programme is considered to have satisfied state minimum requirements for graduation from a public high school, except that((÷

4 (a) The provisions of RCW 28A.655.061 regarding the certificate
5 of academic achievement or RCW 28A.155.045 regarding the certificate
6 of individual achievement apply to students under this section; and

7 (b)) the provisions of RCW 28A.230.170 regarding study of the
8 United States Constitution and the Washington state Constitution
9 apply to students under this section.

10 (2) School districts may require students under this section to 11 complete local graduation requirements that are in addition to state 12 minimum requirements before issuing a high school diploma under RCW 13 28A.230.120. However, school districts are encouraged to waive local 14 requirements as necessary to encourage students to pursue an 15 international baccalaureate diploma.

(3) To receive a high school diploma under this section, a 16 17 student must complete and pass all required international 18 baccalaureate diploma programme courses as scored at the local level; 19 pass all internal assessments as scored at the local level; successfully complete all required projects and products as scored at 20 21 the local level; and complete the final examinations administered by 22 the international baccalaureate organization in each of the required 23 subjects under the diploma programme.

24 Sec. 8. RCW 28A.230.125 and 2014 c 102 s 3 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation 26 27 with the four-year institutions as defined in RCW 28B.76.020, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the workforce 28 training and education coordinating board, shall develop for use by 29 30 all public school districts a standardized high school transcript. The superintendent shall establish clear definitions for the terms 31 "credits" and "hours" so that school programs operating on the 32 quarter, semester, or trimester system can be compared. 33

34 (2) ((The standardized high school transcript shall include a
 35 notation of whether the student has earned a certificate of
 36 individual achievement or a certificate of academic achievement.

37 (3)) The standardized high school transcript may include a 38 notation of whether the student has earned the Washington state seal 39 of biliteracy established under RCW 28A.300.575. 1 Sec. 9. RCW 28A.305.130 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 3 are each 2 amended to read as follows:

The purpose of the state board of education is to provide 3 advocacy and strategic oversight of public education; implement a 4 standards-based accountability framework that creates a unified 5 6 system of increasing levels of support for schools in order to improve student academic achievement; provide leadership in the 7 creation of a system that personalizes education for each student and 8 respects diverse cultures, abilities, and learning styles; and 9 promote achievement of the goals of RCW 28A.150.210. In addition to 10 11 any other powers and duties as provided by law, the state board of 12 education shall:

(1) Hold regularly scheduled meetings at such time and place within the state as the board shall determine and may hold such special meetings as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of public business;

17 (2) Form committees as necessary to effectively and efficiently18 conduct the work of the board;

(3) Seek advice from the public and interested parties regardingthe work of the board;

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(4) For purposes of statewide accountability:

22 (a) Adopt and revise performance improvement goals in ((reading, 23 writing)) English language arts, science, and mathematics, by subject and grade level, once assessments in these subjects are required 24 25 statewide; academic and technical skills, as appropriate, in 26 secondary career and technical education programs; and student 27 attendance, as the board deems appropriate to improve student 28 learning. The goals shall be consistent with student privacy protection provisions of RCW 28A.655.090(7) and shall not conflict 29 with requirements contained in Title I of the federal elementary and 30 31 secondary education act of 1965, or the requirements of the Carl D. 32 Perkins vocational education act of 1998, each as amended. The goals may be established for all students, economically disadvantaged 33 students, limited English proficient students, students with 34 disabilities, and students from disproportionately academically 35 underachieving racial and ethnic backgrounds. The board may establish 36 school and school district goals addressing high school graduation 37 rates and dropout reduction goals for students in grades seven 38 39 through twelve. The board shall adopt the goals by rule. However, 40 before each goal is implemented, the board shall present the goal to

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1 the education committees of the house of representatives and the 2 senate for the committees' review and comment in a time frame that 3 will permit the legislature to take statutory action on the goal if 4 such action is deemed warranted by the legislature;

(b) (i) Identify the scores students must achieve in order to meet 5 6 the standard on the statewide student assessment. The board shall 7 also determine student scores that identify levels of student performance below and beyond the standard. The board shall set such 8 performance standards and levels in consultation with 9 the superintendent of public instruction and after consideration of any 10 11 recommendations that may be developed by any advisory committees that 12 may be established for this purpose;

(ii) (A) The legislature intends to continue the implementation of 13 chapter 22, Laws of 2013, 2nd sp. sess. when the legislature 14 expressed the intent for the state board of education to identify the 15 16 student performance standard that demonstrates a student's career and 17 college readiness for the eleventh grade consortium-developed assessments. Therefore, by December 1, 2018, the state board of 18 19 education, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, must identify and report to the governor and the 20 21 education policy and fiscal committees of the legislature on the 22 equivalent student performance standard that a tenth grade student 23 would need to achieve on the state assessments to be on track to be career and college ready at the end of the student's high school 24 25 experience;

(B) Nothing in this section prohibits the state board of education from identifying a college and career readiness score ((that is different from the score required for high school graduation purposes));

(iii) The legislature shall be advised of the initial performance 30 31 standards and any changes made to the ((elementary, middle, and high 32 school level)) performance standards. The board must provide an explanation of and rationale for all initial performance standards 33 and any changes, for all grade levels of the statewide student 34 assessment. If the board changes the performance standards for any 35 grade level or subject, the superintendent of public instruction must 36 recalculate the results from the previous ten years of administering 37 that assessment regarding students below, meeting, and beyond the 38 39 state standard, to the extent that this data is available, and post a

1 comparison of the original and recalculated results on the 2 superintendent's web site;

3 (c) Annually review the assessment reporting system to ensure 4 fairness, accuracy, timeliness, and equity of opportunity, especially 5 with regard to schools with special circumstances and unique 6 populations of students, and a recommendation to the superintendent 7 of public instruction of any improvements needed to the system; and

8 (d) Include in the biennial report required under RCW 9 28A.305.035, information on the progress that has been made in 10 achieving goals adopted by the board;

11 (5) Accredit, subject to such accreditation standards and 12 procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all private schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to 13 the provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a 14 program for any or all of the grades kindergarten through twelve. 15 16 However, no private school may be approved that operates a 17 kindergarten program only and no private school shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as secret societies are 18 19 knowingly allowed to exist among its students by school officials;

20 (6) Articulate with the institutions of higher education, 21 workforce representatives, and early learning policymakers and 22 providers to coordinate and unify the work of the public school 23 system;

(7) Hire an executive director and an administrative assistant to 24 25 reside in the office of the superintendent of public instruction for 26 administrative purposes. Any other personnel of the board shall be appointed as provided by RCW 28A.300.020. The board may delegate to 27 28 the executive director by resolution such duties as deemed necessary to efficiently carry on the business of the board including, but not 29 limited to, the authority to employ necessary personnel and the 30 31 authority to enter into, amend, and terminate contracts on behalf of 32 the board. The executive director, administrative assistant, and all but one of the other personnel of the board are exempt from civil 33 service, together with other staff as now or hereafter designated as 34 exempt in accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW; and 35

36 (8) Adopt a seal that shall be kept in the office of the 37 superintendent of public instruction.

38 Sec. 10. RCW 28A.320.190 and 2009 c 578 s 2 are each amended to 39 read as follows: 1 (1) The extended learning opportunities program is created for eligible eleventh and twelfth grade students who are not on track to 2 3 meet local or state graduation requirements as well as eighth grade students who need additional assistance in order to have the 4 opportunity for a successful entry into high school. The program 5 6 shall provide early notification of graduation status and information on education opportunities including preapprenticeship programs that 7 are available. 8

(2) Under the extended learning opportunities program and to the 9 extent funds are available for that purpose, districts shall make 10 11 available to students in grade twelve who have failed to meet one or 12 more local or state graduation requirements the option of continuing enrollment in the school district in accordance with RCW 28A.225.160. 13 Districts are authorized to use basic education program funding to 14 provide instruction to eligible students under RCW 28A.150.220(((())) 15 16 (5).

17 (3) Under the extended learning opportunities program, instructional services for eligible students can occur during the 18 19 regular school day, evenings, on weekends, or at a time and location deemed appropriate by the school district, including the educational 20 21 service district, in order to meet the needs of these students. Instructional services provided under this section do not include 22 23 services offered at private schools. Instructional services can include, but are not limited to, the following: 24

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(a) Individual or small group instruction;

26 (b) ((Instruction in English language arts and/or mathematics 27 that eligible students need to pass all or part of the Washington 28 assessment of student learning;

29 (c)) Attendance in a public high school or public alternative 30 school classes or at a skill center;

31 (((d))) <u>(c)</u> Inclusion in remediation programs, including summer 32 school;

33 (((e))) <u>(d)</u> Language development instruction for English language 34 learners;

35 (((f))) <u>(e)</u> Online curriculum and instructional support, 36 including programs for credit retrieval and ((Washington)) <u>statewide</u> 37 <u>student</u> assessment ((of student learning)) preparatory classes; and

38 (((g))) <u>(f)</u> Reading improvement specialists available at the 39 educational service districts to serve eighth, eleventh, and twelfth 40 grade educators through professional development in accordance with 1 RCW 28A.415.350. The reading improvement specialist may also provide 2 direct services to eligible students and those students electing to 3 continue a fifth year in a high school program who are still 4 struggling with basic reading skills.

5 Sec. 11. RCW 28A.320.208 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 22 s 8 are each 6 amended to read as follows:

(1) At the beginning of each school year, school districts must 7 notify parents and guardians of enrolled students from eighth through 8 twelfth grade about each student assessment required by the state, 9 the minimum state-level graduation requirements, and any additional 10 school district graduation requirements. The information may be 11 provided when the student is enrolled, contained in the student or 12 parent handbook, or posted on the school district's web site. The 13 notification must include the following: 14

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(a) When each assessment will be administered;

16 (b) ((Which assessments will be required for graduation and what 17 options students have to meet graduation requirements if they do not 18 pass a given assessment;

19 (e)) Whether the results of the assessment will be used for 20 program placement or grade-level advancement;

21 (((d))) <u>(c)</u> When the assessment results will be released to 22 parents or guardians and whether there will be an opportunity for 23 parents and teachers to discuss strategic adjustments; and

24 (((e))) <u>(d)</u> Whether the assessment is required by the school 25 district, state, federal government, or more than one of these 26 entities.

(2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
provide information to the school districts to enable the districts
to provide the information to the parents and guardians in accordance
with subsection (1) of this section.

31 Sec. 12. RCW 28A.415.360 and 2009 c 548 s 403 are each amended 32 to read as follows:

(1) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, targeted professional development programs, to be known as learning improvement days, are authorized to further the development of outstanding mathematics, science, and reading teaching and learning opportunities in the state of Washington. The intent of this section is to provide guidance for the learning improvement days in the

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1 omnibus appropriations act. The learning improvement days authorized 2 in this section shall not be considered part of the definition of 3 basic education.

4 (2) A school district is eligible to receive funding for learning 5 improvement days that are limited to specific activities related to 6 student learning that contribute to the following outcomes:

7 (a) Provision of meaningful, targeted professional development
8 for all teachers in mathematics, science, or reading;

9 (b) Increased knowledge and instructional skill for mathematics,10 science, or reading teachers;

11 (c) Increased use of curriculum materials with supporting 12 diagnostic and supplemental materials that align with state 13 standards;

14 (d) ((Skillful guidance for students participating in alternative 15 assessment activities;

16 (e)) Increased rigor of course offerings especially in 17 mathematics, science, and reading;

18 (((f))) <u>(e)</u> Increased student opportunities for focused, applied 19 mathematics and science classes;

20 (((g))) <u>(f)</u> Increased student success on state achievement 21 measures; and

(((h))) <u>(g)</u> Increased student appreciation of the value and uses of mathematics, science, and reading knowledge and exploration of related careers.

25 (3) School districts receiving resources under this section shall 26 submit reports to the superintendent of public instruction documenting how the use of the funds contributes to measurable 27 28 improvement in the outcomes described under subsection (2) of this section; and how other professional development resources and 29 programs authorized in statute or in the omnibus appropriations act 30 31 contribute to the expected outcomes. The superintendent of public 32 instruction and the office of financial management shall collaborate on required report content and format. 33

34 Sec. 13. RCW 28A.600.310 and 2015 c 202 s 4 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

36 (1)(a) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have 37 not yet received the credits required for the award of a high school 38 diploma and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may

apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in
 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.

3 (b) The course sections and programs offered as running start 4 courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students 5 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a 6 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high 7 school campus.

(c) A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a 8 public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses 9 or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be 10 11 counted by the school district in any required state or federal 12 accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the 13 student received home-based instruction during the school year before 14 the school year in which the student intends to participate in 15 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education. 16 17 Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW 18 and students attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195 19 RCW shall not be required to meet the student learning goals ((τ) obtain a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of 20 21 individual achievement to graduate from high school,)) or to 22 learn the essential academic learning requirements. ((master)) 23 However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating universities only if the board of directors of the 24 25 student's school district has decided to participate in the program. 26 Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards for these 27 students. If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary 28 29 school pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education shall send written notice to the pupil and the 30 pupil's school district within ten days of acceptance. The notice 31 32 shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

33 (2)(a) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 34 and 28B.15.041:

35 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or 36 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each 37 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for 38 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to ten 39 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 40 28B.15.041; and 1 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a 2 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up 3 to ten percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 4 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

5 (b) The fees charged under this subsection (2) shall be prorated 6 based on credit load.

7 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection with advanced 8 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the 9 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter 10 28B.95 RCW.

(3) (a) The institutions of higher education must make available 11 fee waivers for low-income running start students. Each institution 12 must establish a written policy for the determination of low-income 13 students before offering the fee waiver. A student shall be 14 considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver upon proof that 15 16 the student is currently qualified to receive free or reduced-price 17 lunch. Acceptable documentation of low-income status may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student has been 18 19 deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's policy. 20

21 (b) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration with relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who can 22 23 benefit from fee waivers take advantage of these waivers. Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and 24 25 their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to students and their families on how to apply. Information about 26 waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into 27 28 financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent 29 possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited 30 31 to web sites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms, 32 mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches 33 the maximum number of students and families that can benefit. 34

(4) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of making such

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payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to 1 offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall 2 be based upon the estimated statewide annual average per full-time 3 equivalent high school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, 4 excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules 5 6 adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating institutions of higher education, and the 7 state board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the 8 calculation and distribution of the funds. The funds received by the 9 10 institution of higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the 11 institution of higher education. A student enrolled under this 12 subsection shall be counted for the purpose of meeting enrollment 13 targets in accordance with terms and conditions specified in the 14 15 omnibus appropriations act.

16 Sec. 14. RCW 28A.655.061 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 1 are each 17 amended to read as follows:

18 (1) ((The high school assessment system shall include but need not be limited to the statewide student assessment, opportunities for 19 a student to retake the content areas of the assessment in which the 20 student was not successful, and, if approved by the legislature 21 pursuant to subsection (10) of this section, one or more objective 22 23 alternative assessments for a student to demonstrate achievement of 24 state academic standards. The objective alternative assessments for each content area shall be comparable in rigor to the skills and 25 26 knowledge that the student must demonstrate on the statewide student 27 assessment for each content area.

(2) Subject to the conditions in this section, a certificate of academic achievement shall be obtained and is evidence that the students have successfully met the state standard in the content areas included in the certificate. With the exception of students satisfying the provisions of RCW 28A.155.045 or 28A.655.0611, acquisition of the certificate is required for graduation from a public high school but is not the only requirement for graduation.

35 (3) (a) Beginning with the graduating class of 2008 through the 36 graduating class of 2015, with the exception of students satisfying 37 the provisions of RCW 28A.155.045, a student who meets the state 38 standards on the English language arts and mathematics high school 39 statewide student assessment shall earn a certificate of academic 1 achievement. The mathematics assessment shall be the end-of-course 2 assessment for the first year of high school mathematics that 3 assesses the standards common to algebra I and integrated mathematics 4 I or the end-of-course assessment for the second year of high school 5 mathematics that assesses standards common to geometry and integrated 6 mathematics II.

7 (b) As the state transitions from reading and writing assessments 8 to an English language arts assessment and from end-of-course 9 assessments to a comprehensive assessment for high school 10 mathematics, a student in a graduating class of 2016 through 2018 11 shall earn a certificate of academic achievement if the student meets 12 the high school graduation standard as follows:

13 (i) Students in the graduating class of 2016 may use the results 14 from:

15 (A) The reading and writing assessment or the English language 16 arts assessment developed with the multistate consortium; and

17 (B) The end-of-course assessment for the first year of high 18 school mathematics, the end-of-course assessment for the second year 19 of high school mathematics, or the comprehensive mathematics 20 assessment developed with the multistate consortium.

21 (ii) Students in the graduating classes of 2017 and 2018 may use 22 the results from:

23 (A) The tenth grade English language arts assessment developed by 24 the superintendent of public instruction using resources from the 25 multistate consortium or the English language arts assessment 26 developed with the multistate consortium; and

27 (B) The end-of-course assessment for the first year of high 28 school mathematics, the end-of-course assessment for the second year 29 of high school mathematics, or the comprehensive mathematics 30 assessment developed with the multistate consortium.

31 (c) Beginning with the graduating class of 2019, a student who 32 meets the high school graduation standard on the high school English 33 language arts assessment developed with the multistate consortium and 34 the comprehensive mathematics assessment developed with the 35 multistate consortium shall earn a certificate of academic 36 achievement.

37 (d) Beginning with the graduating class of 2020, a student who 38 meets the high school graduation standard on the high school English 39 language arts assessment developed with the multistate consortium and 40 the comprehensive mathematics assessment developed with the 1 multistate consortium to be administered in tenth grade shall earn a

2 certificate of academic achievement.

(e) If a student does not successfully meet the state standards 3 in one or more content areas required for the certificate of academic 4 achievement, then the student may retake the assessment in the 5 6 content area at least twice a year at no cost to the student. If the 7 student successfully meets the state standards on a retake of the assessment then the student shall earn a certificate of academic 8 achievement. Once objective alternative assessments are authorized 9 10 pursuant to subsection (10) of this section, a student may use the objective alternative assessments to demonstrate that the student 11 successfully meets the state standards for that content area if the 12 student has taken the statewide student assessment at least once. If 13 the student successfully meets the state standards on the objective 14 15 alternative assessments then the student shall earn a certificate of 16 academic achievement.

17 (4) Beginning with the graduating class of 2021, a student must meet the state standards in science in addition to the other content 18 areas required under subsection (3) of this section on the statewide 19 20 student assessment, a retake, or the objective alternative assessments in order to earn a certificate of academic achievement. 21 The assessment under this subsection must be a comprehensive 22 assessment of the science essential academic learning requirements 23 24 adopted by the superintendent of public instruction in 2013.

25 (5) The state board of education may not require the acquisition 26 of the certificate of academic achievement for students in home-based 27 instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, for students enrolled in 28 private schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or for students satisfying 29 the provisions of RCW 28A.155.045.

30 (6) A student may retain and use the highest result from each 31 successfully completed content area of the high school assessment.

32 (7) School districts must make available to students the 33 following options:

34 (a) To retake the statewide student assessment at least twice a 35 year in the content areas in which the student did not meet the state 36 standards if the student is enrolled in a public school; or

37 (b) To retake the statewide student assessment at least twice a 38 year in the content areas in which the student did not meet the state 39 standards if the student is enrolled in a high school completion 40 program at a community or technical college. The superintendent of 1 public instruction and the state board for community and technical 2 colleges shall jointly identify means by which students in these 3 programs can be assessed.

- 4 (8) Students who achieve the standard in a content area of the 5 high school assessment but who wish to improve their results shall 6 pay for retaking the assessment, using a uniform cost determined by 7 the superintendent of public instruction.
- 8 (9) Opportunities to retake the assessment at least twice a year
 9 shall be available to each school district.

10 (10) (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop options for implementing objective alternative 11 assessments, which may include an appeals process for students' 12 13 scores, for students to demonstrate achievement of the state academic standards. The objective alternative assessments shall be comparable 14 15 in rigor to the skills and knowledge that the student must 16 demonstrate on the statewide student assessment and be objective in its determination of student achievement of the state standards. 17 Before any objective alternative assessments in addition to those 18 authorized in RCW 28A.655.065 or (b) of this subsection are used by a 19 student to demonstrate that the student has met the state standards 20 21 in a content area required to obtain a certificate, the legislature shall formally approve the use of any objective alternative 22 assessments through the omnibus appropriations act or by statute or 23 24 concurrent resolution.

25 (b) (i) A student's score on the mathematics, reading or English, 26 or writing portion of the SAT or the ACT may be used as an objective 27 alternative assessment under this section for demonstrating that a 28 student has met or exceeded the state standards for the certificate of academic achievement. The state board of education shall identify 29 30 the scores students must achieve on the relevant portion of the SAT 31 or ACT to meet or exceed the state standard in the relevant content 32 area on the statewide student assessment. A student's score on the science portion of the ACT or the science subject area tests of the 33 SAT may be used as an objective alternative assessment under this 34 35 section as soon as the state board of education determines that sufficient data is available to identify reliable equivalent scores 36 37 for the science content area of the statewide student assessment. After the first scores are established, the state board may increase 38 39 but not decrease the scores required for students to meet or exceed 40 the state standards.

1 (ii) A student who scores at least a three on the grading scale of one to five for selected AP examinations may use the score as an 2 objective alternative assessment under this section for demonstrating 3 that a student has met or exceeded state standards for the 4 certificate of academic achievement. A score of three on the AP 5 6 examinations in calculus or statistics may be used as an alternative 7 assessment for the mathematics portion of the statewide student assessment. A score of three on the AP examinations in English 8 9 language and composition may be used as an alternative assessment for 10 the writing portion of the statewide student assessment; and for the English language arts portion of the assessment developed with the 11 multistate consortium, once established in the 2014-15 school year. A 12 13 score of three on the AP examinations in English literature and composition, macroeconomics, microeconomics, psychology, United 14 15 States history, world history, United States government and politics, 16 or comparative government and politics may be used as an alternative 17 assessment for the reading portion of the statewide student 18 assessment; and for the English language arts portion of the assessment developed with the multistate consortium, once established 19 20 in the 2014-15 school year. A score of three on the AP examination in 21 biology, physics, chemistry, or environmental science may be used as 22 an alternative assessment for the science portion of the statewide 23 student assessment.

(iii) A student who scores at least a four on selected externally 24 25 administered international baccalaureate (IB) examinations may use 26 the score as an objective alternative assessment under this section 27 for demonstrating that the student has met or exceeded state standards for the certificate of academic achievement. A score of 28 29 four on the higher level IB examinations for any of the IB English 30 language and literature courses or for any of the IB individuals and 31 societies courses may be used as an alternative assessment for the 32 reading, writing, or English language arts portions of the statewide 33 student assessment. A score of four on the higher level IB examinations for any of the IB mathematics courses may be used as an 34 35 alternative assessment for the mathematics portion of the statewide student assessment. A score of four on the higher level IB 36 examinations for IB biology, chemistry, or physics may be used as an 37 alternative assessment for the science portion of the statewide 38 39 student assessment.

1 (iv) (A) Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, high school 2 students who have not earned a certificate of academic achievement due to not meeting the high school graduation standard on the 3 4 mathematics or English language arts assessment may take and pass a locally determined course in the content area in which the student 5 was not successful, and may use the passing score on a locally 6 7 administered assessment tied to that course and approved under the provisions of this subsection (10) (b) (iv), as an objective 8 9 alternative assessment for demonstrating that the student has met or 10 exceeded the high school graduation standard. High school transition 11 courses and the assessments offered in association with high school transition courses shall be considered an approved locally determined 12 13 course and assessment for demonstrating that the student met or 14 exceeded the high school graduation standard. The course must be 15 rigorous and consistent with the student's educational and career 16 goals identified in his or her high school and beyond plan, and may include career and technical education equivalencies in English 17 language arts or mathematics adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.230.097. 18 School districts shall record students' participation in locally 19 20 determined courses under this section in the statewide individual 21 data system.

22 (B) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop a process by which local school districts can submit 23 24 assessments for review and approval for use as objective alternative assessments for graduation as allowed by (b) (iv) of this subsection. 25 26 This process shall establish means to determine whether a local 27 school district-administered assessment is comparable in rigor to the skills and knowledge that the student must demonstrate on the 28 29 statewide student assessment and is objective in its determination of 30 student achievement of the state standards. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall post on its agency web 31 site a compiled list of local school district-administered 32 33 assessments approved as objective alternative assessments, including 34 the comparable scores on these assessments necessary to meet the 35 standard.

36 (C) For the purpose of this section, "high school transition 37 course" means an English language arts or mathematics course offered 38 in high school where successful completion by a high school student 39 ensures the student college-level placement at participating 40 institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016. High 1 school transition courses must, in accordance with this section, 2 satisfy core or elective credit graduation requirements established 3 by the state board of education. A student's successful completion of 4 a high school transition course does not entitle the student to be 5 admitted to any institution of higher education as defined in RCW 6 28B.10.016.

7 (v) A student who completes a dual credit course in English 8 language arts or mathematics in which the student earns college 9 credit may use passage of the course as an objective alternative 10 assessment under this section for demonstrating that the student has 11 met or exceeded the high school graduation standard for the 12 certificate of academic achievement.

13 (11)) To help assure continued progress in academic achievement 14 as a foundation for high school graduation and to assure that 15 students are on track for high school graduation, each school 16 district shall((:

(a) Provide students who have not earned a certificate of 17 academic achievement before the beginning of grade eleven with the 18 19 opportunity to access interventions and academic supports, courses, or both, designed to enable students to meet the high school 20 21 graduation standard. These interventions, supports, or courses must be rigorous and consistent with the student's educational and career 22 23 goals identified in his or her high school and beyond plan, and may include career and technical education equivalencies in English 24 25 language arts or mathematics adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.230.097; and

(b)) prepare student learning plans and notify students and 26 27 their parents or legal guardians as provided in this ((subsection)) 28 section. Student learning plans are required for eighth grade students who were not successful on any or all of the content areas 29 of the state assessment during the previous school year or who may 30 31 not be on track to graduate due to credit deficiencies or absences. 32 The parent or legal guardian shall be notified about the information 33 in the student learning plan, preferably through a parent conference and at least annually. To the extent feasible, schools serving 34 English language learner students and their parents shall translate 35 36 the plan into the primary language of the family.

37 <u>(2)</u> The plan shall include the following information as 38 applicable:

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(((i))) <u>(a)</u> The student's results on the state assessment;

1 (((ii))) (b) If the student is in the transitional bilingual 2 program, the score on his or her Washington language proficiency test 3 II;

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(((iii))) <u>(c)</u> Any credit deficiencies;

5 (((iv))) <u>(d)</u> The student's attendance rates over the previous two 6 years;

7 (((v))) <u>(e)</u> The student's progress toward meeting state and local 8 graduation requirements;

9 (((vi))) <u>(f)</u> The courses, competencies, and other steps needed to 10 be taken by the student to meet state academic standards and stay on 11 track for graduation;

12 (((vii))) (g) Remediation strategies and alternative education 13 options available to students, including informing students of the 14 option to continue to receive instructional services after grade 15 twelve or until the age of twenty-one;

16 (((viii) The alternative assessment options available to students
17 under this section and RCW 28A.655.065;

18 (ix)) (h) School district programs, high school courses, and 19 career and technical education options available for students to meet 20 graduation requirements; and

21 (((x))) <u>(i)</u> Available programs offered through skill centers or 22 community and technical colleges, including the college high school 23 diploma options under RCW 28B.50.535.

24 Sec. 15. RCW 28A.655.066 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 22 s 3 are each 25 amended to read as follows:

(1) (a) In consultation with the state board of education, the 26 27 superintendent of public instruction shall develop statewide end-of-28 course assessments for high school mathematics that measure student achievement of the state mathematics standards as provided in this 29 30 section. The superintendent shall take steps to ensure that the 31 language of the assessments is responsive to a diverse student 32 population. The assessments shall be implemented statewide in the 2010-11 school year. 33

(b) The superintendent shall develop end-of-course assessments for the first year of high school mathematics that include the standards common to algebra I and integrated mathematics I ((and for the second year of high school mathematics that include the standards common to geometry and integrated mathematics II)). The assessments under this subsection (1)(b) shall be used to demonstrate that a

student meets the state standard on the mathematics content area of the high school statewide student assessment for purposes of ((RCW <u>28A.655.061</u>)) state and federal accountability.

4 (c) The superintendent of public instruction shall also develop 5 subtests for the end-of-course assessments that measure standards for 6 the first ((two)) year((s)) of high school mathematics that are 7 unique to algebra $I((\tau))$ and integrated mathematics $I((\tau - geometry, \tau))$ 8 and integrated mathematics II). The results of the subtests shall be 9 reported at the student, teacher, school, and district level.

10 (2) ((All of the objective alternative assessments available to 11 students under RCW 28A.655.061 and 28A.655.065 shall be available to 12 any student who has taken an end-of-course assessment once but does 13 not meet the state mathematics standard on an end-of-course 14 assessment.

15 (3)) The superintendent of public instruction shall report at 16 least annually or more often if necessary to keep the education 17 committees of the legislature informed on each step of the 18 development and implementation process under this section.

19 Sec. 16. RCW 28A.655.068 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 6 are each 20 amended to read as follows:

(1) Beginning in the 2011-12 school year, the statewide high school assessment in science shall be an end-of-course assessment for biology that measures the state standards for life sciences, in addition to systems, inquiry, and application as they pertain to life sciences.

(2) (a) The superintendent of public instruction may develop or 26 27 adopt science end-of-course assessments or a comprehensive science 28 assessment that includes subjects in addition to biology for purposes 29 of RCW 28A.655.061, when so directed by the legislature. The 30 legislature intends to transition from a biology end-of-course 31 assessment to a more comprehensive science assessment in a manner 32 consistent with the way in which the state transitioned to an English language arts assessment and a comprehensive mathematics assessment. 33 The legislature further intends that the transition will include at 34 least two years of using the student assessment results from either 35 the biology end-of-course assessment or the more comprehensive 36 assessment in order to provide students with reasonable opportunities 37 38 to demonstrate high school competencies while being mindful of the increasing rigor of the new assessment. 39

(b) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop or adopt ((a)) the science assessment ((in accordance with RCW 28A.655.070(10))) that is not biased toward persons with different learning styles, racial or ethnic backgrounds, or on the basis of gender.

6 (c) Before the next subsequent school year after the legislature 7 directs the superintendent to develop or adopt a new science 8 assessment, the superintendent of public instruction shall review the 9 objective alternative assessments for the science assessment and make 10 recommendations to the legislature regarding additional objective 11 alternatives, if any.

12 (3) The superintendent of public instruction may participate with consortia of multiple states as common student learning standards and 13 14 assessments in science are developed. The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the state board of education, may 15 16 modify the essential academic learning requirements and statewide 17 student assessments in science, including the high school assessment, 18 according to the multistate common student learning standards and 19 assessments as long as the education committees of the legislature have opportunities for review before the modifications are adopted, 20 21 as provided under RCW 28A.655.070.

(((4) The statewide high school assessment under this section shall be used to demonstrate that a student meets the state standards in the science content area of the statewide student assessment until a comprehensive science assessment is required under RCW 28A.655.061.))

27 Sec. 17. RCW 28A.655.090 and 2008 c 165 s 3 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

(1) By September 10, 1998, and by September 10th each year thereafter, the superintendent of public instruction shall report to schools, school districts, and the legislature on the results of the ((Washington)) statewide student assessment ((of student learning)) and state-mandated norm-referenced standardized tests.

34 (2) The reports shall include the assessment results by school 35 and school district, and include changes over time. For the 36 ((Washington)) statewide student assessment ((of student learning)), 37 results shall be reported as follows:

38 (a) The percentage of students meeting the standards;

1 (b) The percentage of students performing at each level of the 2 assessment;

3 (c) Disaggregation of results by at least the following subgroups 4 of students: White, Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, 5 Asian, Pacific Islander/Hawaiian Native, low income, transitional 6 bilingual, migrant, special education, and, beginning with the 7 2009-10 school year, students covered by section 504 of the federal 8 rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794); and

9 (d) A learning improvement index that shows changes in student 10 performance within the different levels of student learning reported 11 on the ((Washington)) statewide student assessment ((of student 12 learning)).

(3) The reports shall contain data regarding the different characteristics of schools, such as poverty levels, percent of English as a second language students, dropout rates, attendance, percent of students in special education, and student mobility so that districts and schools can learn from the improvement efforts of other schools and districts with similar characteristics.

(4) The reports shall contain student scores on mandated tests bycomparable Washington schools of similar characteristics.

(5) The reports shall contain information on public school choiceoptions available to students, including vocational education.

23 (6) The reports shall be posted on the superintendent of public 24 instruction's internet web site.

(7) To protect the privacy of students, the results of schools and districts that test fewer than ten students in a grade level shall not be reported. In addition, in order to ensure that results are reported accurately, the superintendent of public instruction shall maintain the confidentiality of statewide data files until the superintendent determines that the data are complete and accurate.

(8) The superintendent of public instruction shall monitor the percentage and number of special education and limited Englishproficient students exempted from taking the assessments by schools and school districts to ensure the exemptions are in compliance with exemption guidelines.

36 Sec. 18. RCW 28A.655.185 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 22 s 9 are each 37 amended to read as follows:

38 (1) It is the intent of the legislature, through the creation of 39 the apple award, to honor and reward students in Washington's public 1 elementary schools who have shown significant improvement in their 2 school's results on the statewide student assessment.

3 (2) The apple award program is created to honor and reward public elementary schools that have the greatest combined average increase 4 in the percentage of students meeting the fourth grade $((\frac{\text{reading}_{r}}{r}))$ 5 6 English language arts and mathematics((, and writing)) standards on the statewide student assessment each school year. Beginning in the 7 2014-15 school year, the award shall be based on the percentage of 8 students meeting the fourth grade English language arts 9 and mathematics standards. The program shall be administered by the 10 superintendent of public instruction. 11

12 (3) Within the amounts appropriated for this purpose, each school that receives an apple award shall be provided with a twenty-five 13 thousand dollar grant to be used for capital construction purposes 14 that have been selected by students in the school and approved by the 15 16 district's school directors. The funds may be used exclusively for 17 capital construction projects on school property or on other public 18 property in the community, city, or county in which the school is 19 located.

20 Sec. 19. RCW 28A.655.200 and 2009 c 539 s 1 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

(1) The legislature intends to permit school districts to offer norm-referenced assessments, make diagnostic tools available to school districts, and provide funding for diagnostic assessments to enhance student learning at all grade levels and provide early intervention before the high school ((Washington)) statewide student assessment ((of student learning)).

(2) In addition to the diagnostic assessments provided under this
 section, school districts may, at their own expense, administer norm referenced assessments to students.

31 (3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this 32 purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall 33 post on its web site for voluntary use by school districts, a guide 34 of diagnostic assessments. The assessments in the guide, to the 35 extent possible, shall include the characteristics listed in 36 subsection (4) of this section.

37 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this 38 purpose, ((beginning September 1, 2007,)) the office of the 39 superintendent of public instruction shall make diagnostic

1 assessments in ((reading, writing)) English language arts, mathematics, and science in elementary, middle, and high school 2 grades available to school districts. Subject to funds appropriated 3 for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public 4 instruction shall also provide funding to school districts for 5 6 administration of diagnostic assessments to help improve student learning, identify academic weaknesses, enhance student planning and 7 guidance, and develop targeted instructional strategies to assist 8 students before the high school ((Washington)) statewide student 9 assessment ((of student learning)). To the greatest extent possible, 10 11 the assessments shall be:

12 13 (a) Aligned to the state's grade level expectations;

(b) Individualized to each student's performance level;

14 (c) Administered efficiently to provide results either 15 immediately or within two weeks;

16 (d) Capable of measuring individual student growth over time and 17 allowing student progress to be compared to other students across the 18 country;

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(e) Readily available to parents; and

20 (f) Cost-effective.

(5) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall offer training at statewide and regional staff development activities in:

24 (a) The interpretation of diagnostic assessments; and

(b) Application of instructional strategies that will increasestudent learning based on diagnostic assessment data.

27 Sec. 20. RCW 28A.655.070 and 2018 c 177 s 401 are each amended 28 to read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop essential academic learning requirements that identify the knowledge and skills all public school students need to know and be able to do based on the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210, develop student assessments, and implement the accountability recommendations and requests regarding assistance, rewards, and recognition of the state board of education.

36 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall:

37 (a) Periodically revise the essential academic learning
 38 requirements, as needed, based on the student learning goals in RCW
 39 28A.150.210. Goals one and two shall be considered primary. To the

1 maximum extent possible, the superintendent shall integrate goal four 2 and the knowledge and skill areas in the other goals in the essential 3 academic learning requirements; and

Review and prioritize the essential academic learning 4 (b) requirements and identify, with clear and concise descriptions, the 5 6 grade level content expectations to be assessed on the statewide student assessment and used for state or federal accountability 7 purposes. The review, prioritization, and identification shall result 8 in more focus and targeting with an emphasis on depth over breadth in 9 the number of grade level content expectations assessed at each grade 10 11 level. Grade level content expectations shall be articulated over the 12 grades as a sequence of expectations and performances that are logical, build with increasing depth after foundational knowledge and 13 skills are acquired, and reflect, where appropriate, the sequential 14 nature of the discipline. The office of the superintendent of public 15 16 instruction, within seven working days, shall post on its web site 17 any grade level content expectations provided to an assessment vendor for use in constructing the statewide student assessment. 18

(3) (a) In consultation with the state board of education, the 19 superintendent of public instruction shall maintain and continue to 20 21 develop and revise a statewide academic assessment system in the content areas of ((reading, writing)) English language arts, 22 23 mathematics, and science for use in the elementary, middle, and high school years designed to determine if each student has ((mastered)) 24 25 <u>learned</u> the essential academic learning requirements identified in subsection (1) of this section. School districts shall administer the 26 27 assessments under guidelines adopted by the superintendent of public 28 instruction. The academic assessment system may include a variety of 29 assessment methods, including criterion-referenced and performance-30 based measures.

31 (b) Effective with the 2009 administration of the Washington 32 assessment of student learning and continuing with the statewide 33 student assessment, the superintendent shall redesign the assessment 34 in the content areas of reading, mathematics, and science in all 35 grades except high school by shortening test administration and 36 reducing the number of short answer and extended response questions.

37 (c) By the 2014-15 school year, the superintendent of public 38 instruction, in consultation with the state board of education, shall 39 modify the statewide student assessment system to transition to

1 assessments developed with a multistate consortium, as provided in 2 this subsection:

3 (i) The assessments developed with a multistate consortium to 4 assess student proficiency in English language arts and mathematics 5 shall be administered beginning in the 2014-15 school year. The 6 reading and writing assessments shall not be administered by the 7 superintendent of public instruction or schools after the 2013-14 8 school year.

9 (ii) The high school assessments in English language arts and 10 mathematics in (c)(i) of this subsection shall be used for the 11 purposes of earning a certificate of academic achievement for high 12 school graduation under the timeline established in RCW 28A.655.061 13 and for assessing student career and college readiness.

(iii) During the transition period specified in RCW 28A.655.061, 14 15 the superintendent of public instruction shall use test items and 16 other resources from the consortium assessment to develop and 17 administer a tenth grade high school English language arts assessment, an end-of-course mathematics assessment to assess the 18 standards common to algebra I and integrated mathematics I, and an 19 end-of-course mathematics assessment to assess the standards common 20 21 to geometry and integrated mathematics II.

(4) If the superintendent proposes any modification to the essential academic learning requirements or the statewide assessments, then the superintendent shall, upon request, provide opportunities for the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate to review the assessments and proposed modifications to the essential academic learning requirements before the modifications are adopted.

(5) The assessment system shall be designed so that the results under the assessment system are used by educators as tools to evaluate instructional practices, and to initiate appropriate educational support for students who have not ((mastered)) learned the essential academic learning requirements at the appropriate periods in the student's educational development.

35 (6) By September 2007, the results for reading and mathematics 36 shall be reported in a format that will allow parents and teachers to 37 determine the academic gain a student has acquired in those content 38 areas from one school year to the next.

39 (7) To assist parents and teachers in their efforts to provide 40 educational support to individual students, the superintendent of

1 public instruction shall provide as much individual student 2 performance information as possible within the constraints of the 3 assessment system's item bank. The superintendent shall also provide 4 to school districts:

5 (a) Information on classroom-based and other assessments that may 6 provide additional achievement information for individual students; 7 and

8 (b) A collection of diagnostic tools that educators may use to 9 evaluate the academic status of individual students. The tools shall 10 be designed to be inexpensive, easily administered, and quickly and 11 easily scored, with results provided in a format that may be easily 12 shared with parents and students.

13 (8) To the maximum extent possible, the superintendent shall 14 integrate knowledge and skill areas in development of the 15 assessments.

16 (9) Assessments for goals three and four of RCW 28A.150.210 shall 17 be integrated in the essential academic learning requirements and 18 assessments for goals one and two.

(10) The superintendent shall develop assessments that are directly related to the essential academic learning requirements, and are not biased toward persons with different learning styles, racial or ethnic backgrounds, or on the basis of gender.

(11) The superintendent shall review available and appropriate options for competency-based assessments that meet the essential academic learning requirements. In accordance with the review required by this subsection, the superintendent shall provide a report and recommendations to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate by November 1, 2019.

(12) The superintendent shall consider methods to address the unique needs of special education students when developing the assessments under this section.

32 (13) The superintendent shall consider methods to address the 33 unique needs of highly capable students when developing the 34 assessments under this section.

35 (14) The superintendent shall post on the superintendent's web 36 site lists of resources and model assessments in social studies, the 37 arts, and health and fitness.

38 (15) The superintendent shall integrate financial education 39 skills and content knowledge into the state learning standards 40 pursuant to RCW 28A.300.460(2)(d).

1 (16)(a) The superintendent shall notify the state board of 2 education in writing before initiating the development or revision of 3 the essential academic learning requirements under subsections (1) 4 and (2) of this section. The notification must be provided to the 5 state board of education in advance for review at a regularly 6 scheduled or special board meeting and must include the following 7 information:

8 (i) The subject matter of the essential academic learning 9 requirements;

10 (ii) The reason or reasons the superintendent is initiating the 11 development or revision; and

12 (iii) The process and timeline that the superintendent intends to 13 follow for the development or revision.

(b) The state board of education may provide a response to the superintendent's notification for consideration in the development or revision process in (a) of this subsection.

17 (c) Prior to adoption by the superintendent of any new or revised essential academic learning requirements, the superintendent shall 18 19 submit the proposed new or revised essential academic learning requirements to the state board of education in advance in writing 20 21 for review at a regularly scheduled or special board meeting. The 22 state board of education may provide a response to the superintendent's proposal for consideration prior to final adoption. 23

(17) The state board of education may propose new or revised essential academic learning requirements to the superintendent. The superintendent must respond to the state board of education's proposal in writing.

28 Sec. 21. RCW 28A.700.080 and 2008 c 170 s 301 are each amended 29 to read as follows:

30 (1) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the office of 31 the superintendent of public instruction shall develop and conduct an 32 ongoing campaign for career and technical education to increase awareness among teachers, counselors, students, parents, principals, 33 school administrators, and the general public about the opportunities 34 offered by rigorous career and technical education programs. Messages 35 in the campaign shall emphasize career and technical education as a 36 high quality educational pathway for students, including for students 37 38 who seek advanced education that includes a bachelor's degree or

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1 beyond. In particular, the office shall provide information about the 2 following:

3 (a) The model career and technical education programs of study
4 developed under RCW 28A.700.060;

5 (b) Career and technical education course equivalencies and dual 6 credit for high school and college;

7 (c) ((The career and technical education alternative assessment 8 guidelines under RCW 28A.655.065;

9 (d))) The availability of scholarships for postsecondary 10 workforce education, including the Washington award for vocational 11 excellence, and apprenticeships through the opportunity grant program 12 under RCW 28B.50.271, grants under RCW 28A.700.090, and other 13 programs; and

14 (((e))) <u>(d)</u> Education, apprenticeship, and career opportunities 15 in emerging and high-demand programs.

16 (2) The office shall use multiple strategies in the campaign 17 depending on available funds, including developing an interactive web 18 site to encourage and facilitate career exploration; conducting 19 training and orientation for guidance counselors and teachers; and 20 developing and disseminating printed materials.

(3) The office shall seek advice, participation, and financial assistance from the workforce training and education coordinating board, higher education institutions, foundations, employers, apprenticeship and training councils, workforce development councils, and business and labor organizations for the campaign.

26 Sec. 22. RCW 28B.15.520 and 2015 c 55 s 217 are each amended to 27 read as follows:

28 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing 29 boards of the community and technical colleges:

(1) May waive all or a portion of tuition fees and services and activities fees for students nineteen years of age or older who are eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, who enroll in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish their high school education and obtain a high school diploma ((or certificate, but who are not eligible students as defined by RCW 28A.600.405));

37 (2)(a) Shall waive all of tuition fees and services and 38 activities fees for: 1 (i) Children of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or 41.24 RCW, or 2 Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her life or became 3 totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law 4 enforcement agency or full time or volunteer fire department in this 5 6 state: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive the waiver only if they begin their course of study at a community or technical college 7 within ten years of their graduation from high school; and 8

9 (ii) Surviving spouses of any law enforcement officer as defined 10 in chapter 41.26 RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter 41.26 or 11 41.24 RCW, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her 12 life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by 13 any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer fire 14 department in this state.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "totally disabled" means a person who has become totally and permanently disabled for life by bodily injury or disease, and is thereby prevented from performing any occupation or gainful pursuit.

(c) The governing boards of the community and technical colleges 19 shall report to the state board for community and technical colleges 20 21 on the annual cost of tuition fees and services and activities fees 22 waived for surviving spouses and children under (a) of this subsection. The state board for community and technical colleges 23 shall consolidate the reports of the waived fees and annually report 24 25 to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature; 26 and

27 (3) May waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees 28 differential for:

(a) Nonresident students enrolled in a community or technical college course of study or program which will enable them to finish their high school education and obtain a high school diploma ((or certificate but who are not eligible students as defined by RCW <u>28A.600.405</u>)). The waiver shall be in effect only for those courses which lead to a high school diploma or certificate; and

35 (b) Up to forty percent of the students enrolled in the regional 36 education program for deaf students, subject to federal funding of 37 such program.

38 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 23. The following acts or parts of acts are 39 each repealed: 1 (1) RCW 28A.155.045 (Certificate of individual achievement) and 2 2007 c 354 s 3 & 2004 c 19 s 104;

3 (2) RCW 28A.600.405 (Participation in high school completion 4 pilot program—Eligible students—Funding allocations—Rules— 5 Information for students and parents) and 2012 1st sp.s. c 10 s 4 & 6 2007 c 355 s 4;

7 (3) RCW 28A.655.063 (Objective alternative assessments—
8 Reimbursement of costs—Testing fee waivers) and 2007 c 354 s 7 & 2006
9 c 115 s 5; and

10 (4) RCW 28A.655.065 (Objective alternative assessment methods—
11 Appeals from assessment scores—Waivers and appeals from assessment
12 requirements—Rules) and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 2, 2009 c 556 s 19,
13 2008 c 170 s 205, 2007 c 354 s 6, & 2006 c 115 s 1.

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