
SENATE BILL 5498

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By Senators Jarrett, King, and McAuliffe; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to graduation without a certificate of academic
2 achievement or a certificate of individual achievement; amending RCW
3 28A.655.0611; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.655.0611 and 2007 c 354 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning with the graduating class of 2008 and through no
8 later than the graduating class of 2012, students may graduate from
9 high school without earning a certificate of academic achievement or a
10 certificate of individual achievement if they:

11 (a) Have not successfully met the mathematics standard on the high
12 school Washington assessment of student learning, an approved objective
13 alternative assessment, or an alternate assessment developed for
14 eligible special education students;

15 (b) Have successfully met the state standard in the other content
16 areas required for a certificate under RCW 28A.655.061 or 28A.155.045;

17 (c) Have met all other state and school district graduation
18 requirements; and

1 (d)(i) For the graduating class of 2008, successfully earn one
2 (~~additional~~) high school mathematics credit or career and technical
3 course equivalent, including courses offered at skill centers, after
4 the student's eleventh grade year intended to increase the student's
5 mathematics proficiency toward meeting or exceeding the mathematics
6 standards assessed on the high school Washington assessment of student
7 learning (~~and continue to take the appropriate mathematics assessment~~
8 ~~at least once annually until graduation~~); and

9 (ii) For the remaining graduating classes under this section,
10 successfully earn two (~~additional~~) mathematics credits or career and
11 technical course equivalent, including courses offered at skill
12 centers, after the student's tenth grade year intended to increase the
13 student's mathematics proficiency toward meeting or exceeding the
14 mathematics standards assessed on the high school Washington assessment
15 of student learning (~~and continue to take the appropriate mathematics~~
16 ~~assessment at least once annually until graduation~~).

17 (2) The state board of education may adopt a rule that ends the
18 application of this section with a graduating class before the
19 graduating class of 2012, if the state board of education adopts the
20 rule by September 1st of the freshman school year of the graduating
21 class to which the provisions of this section no longer apply. The
22 state board of education's authority under this section does not alter
23 the requirement that any change in performance standards for the tenth
24 grade assessment must comply with RCW 28A.305.130.

25 (3) This section expires August 31, 2013.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
29 immediately.

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