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SENATE BILL 6248

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session

By Senators Wellman and Zeiger; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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- AN ACT Relating to granting of high school diplomas by community
- 2 or technical colleges; and amending RCW 28B.50.535.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.535 and 2017 c 93 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
 - A community or technical college may issue a high school diploma or certificate as provided under this section. A student who is issued a high school diploma under this section may be counted in the school district's graduation rate if the student is funded and enrolled in a public K-12 school. If a student is not funded and enrolled in a public K-12 school he or she may not be included in the school district's graduation rate.
 - (1) An individual who satisfactorily meets the requirements for high school completion shall be awarded a diploma from the college, subject to rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education.
- 17 (2) An individual enrolled through the option established under 18 RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.400 who satisfactorily completes an 19 associate degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of 20 science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in

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applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request from the student.

- (3) An individual enrolled in a statewide dropout reengagement program established through RCW 28A.175.100 who satisfactorily completes an associate degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request from the student.
- (4) An individual who is sixteen to twenty-one years of age and not enrolled in a publicly funded K-12 program, who satisfactorily completes an associate degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request from the student.
- (5) An individual, twenty-one years or older, who enrolls in a community or technical college for the purpose of obtaining an associate degree and who satisfactorily completes an associate degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request from the student. Individuals under this subsection are not eligible for funding provided under chapter 28A.150 RCW.
- ((4+)) (6) An individual who enrolls in a technical college through the option established under RCW 28B.50.533, who satisfactorily completes an associate degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request from the student.

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