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SENATE BILL 5042

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By Senators Benton and Patterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to standardized high school transcripts; and  
2 amending RCW 28A.305.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.305.220 and 1984 c 178 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The state board of education shall develop for use by all  
7 public school districts a standardized high school transcript. The  
8 state board of education shall establish clear definitions for the  
9 terms "credits" and "hours" so that school programs operating on the  
10 quarter, semester, or trimester system can be compared.

11 (2) When determining standardized grade points under subsection (1)  
12 of this section, the state board of education shall adopt a weighting  
13 system for grades earned in honors and advanced placement classes.

14 (3) Transcripts are important documents to students who will apply  
15 for admission to postsecondary institutions of higher education.  
16 Transcripts are also important to students who will seek employment  
17 upon or prior to graduation from high school. It is recognized that  
18 student transcripts may be the only record available to employers in  
19 their decision-making processes regarding prospective employees. The

1 superintendent of public instruction shall require school districts to  
2 inform annually all high school students that prospective employers may  
3 request to see transcripts and that the prospective employee's decision  
4 to release transcripts can be an important part of the process of  
5 applying for employment.

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