
HOUSE BILL 2108

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By Representatives Talcott and Haigh

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1 AN ACT Relating to traffic safety and driver training programs; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.220 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.220
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that traffic safety education provides a
7 solid foundation for young drivers, and that driver education is
8 required for anyone under the age of eighteen years seeking a driver's
9 license. Basic education is the state's primary responsibility.
10 However, driving is a privilege, and driver training is not part of
11 basic education. The state's subsidy of driver training programs has
12 been approximately eight million annually in recent years. The
13 legislature further finds that creating incentives for students to meet
14 the state's essential academic learning requirements to read with
15 fluency and comprehension and write with skill has the potential to
16 increase student achievement.

17 (2) Any district that maintains a traffic safety education course
18 under RCW 28A.220.030, and imposes a fee for enrollment or
19 participation in its traffic safety education course under RCW

1 28A.220.040, may waive the fee or fees for a student who has
2 demonstrated that he or she has met the state's tenth grade standards
3 for reading and writing as defined by the academic achievement
4 commission.

5 (3) To be eligible for a fee waiver under this section, a student
6 must demonstrate his or her ability to read with comprehension and
7 write with skill by meeting or exceeding the state's reading and
8 writing standards as defined by the academic achievement commission.
9 The academic achievement commission shall determine the level of
10 achievement required on:

11 (a) The tenth grade Washington assessment of student learning;

12 (b) A norm-referenced test; or

13 (c) An alternative assessment;

14 in order for the student to demonstrate his or her ability to read with
15 comprehension and write with skill.

16 (4) This section does not require districts to pay for or reimburse
17 the cost of student-selected programs offered through outside
18 providers.

19 (5) This section is not intended to require funding of traffic
20 safety education courses as part of basic education funding.

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