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**SENATE BILL 5501**

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By Senator Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to a student's use of a GED certificate as a  
2 defense to a truancy action; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 28A.225 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.225  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 In cases when a truancy petition has been filed and the child is  
8 sixteen years of age or older, the court is not compelled under RCW  
9 28A.225.010(1)(e)(iii) to dismiss the truancy petition. The court may  
10 in its discretion proceed with the truancy matter despite the child  
11 receiving a certificate of educational competence.

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