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HOUSE BILL 1487

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By Representatives Haigh, Schoesler, Miloscia, Cox, Hunt, Kenney,  
Rockefeller and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to courses of study options offered by public high  
2 schools; and amending RCW 28A.230.010 and 28A.230.130.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.230.010 and 1990 c 33 s 237 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            School district boards of directors shall identify and offer  
7 courses with content that meet or exceed:

8            (1) The basic education skills identified in RCW 28A.150.210;

9            (2) The graduation requirements under RCW 28A.230.090; and

10           (3) The courses required to meet the minimum college entrance  
11 requirements and provide additional options under RCW 28A.230.130.

12           Such courses may be applied or theoretical, academic, or  
13 vocational.

14           **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.230.130 and 1991 c 116 s 9 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16           (1) All public high schools of the state shall provide ((a  
17 ~~program~~)), directly or in cooperation with a community or technical  
18 college, an apprenticeship committee, or another school district, for

1 students the opportunity to take any or all of the following courses of  
2 study within each educational pathway required to be offered under RCW  
3 28A.655.060(3)(c):

4 (a) A course of study for students whose educational plans include  
5 application for entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after  
6 being granted a high school diploma. The program shall help these  
7 students to meet at least the minimum entrance requirements under RCW  
8 28B.10.050;

9 (b) A course of study for students whose educational plans include  
10 the pursuit of a professional or technical certificate or degree that  
11 requires less than four years of postsecondary education. The program  
12 shall help these students receive industry certification upon  
13 completion of the program, and/or have the opportunity to articulate to  
14 postsecondary education and training programs related to their  
15 secondary program; and

16 (c) A course of study for students who are planning to defer  
17 further educational plans and enter the world of work upon graduation  
18 from high school. The program shall help students demonstrate the  
19 application of essential learning to the world of work, occupation-  
20 specific skills, knowledge of more than one career or job option within  
21 their chosen pathway, and general workplace skills.

22 (2) The state board of education, upon request from local school  
23 districts, may grant temporary exemptions from the requirements to  
24 provide the program described in subsection (1) of this section for  
25 reasons relating to school district size and the availability of staff  
26 authorized to teach subjects which must be provided.

27 (3) Districts not offering career and technical education programs  
28 during the 2001-02 school year may be grandfathered.

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