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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5505**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Carlson, Rasmussen, Honeyford, Doumit and Eide)

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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: (1) The basic education  
8 skills identified in RCW 28A.150.210; (2) the graduation requirements  
9 under RCW 28A.230.090; (~~and~~) (3) the courses required to meet the  
10 minimum college entrance requirements under RCW 28A.230.130; and (4)  
11 the course options for career development under RCW 28A.230.130. Such  
12 courses may be applied or theoretical, academic, or vocational.

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

15 (1) All public high schools of the state shall provide a program,  
16 directly or in cooperation with a community college or another school  
17 district, for students whose educational plans include application for

1 entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after being granted a  
2 high school diploma. The program shall help these students to meet at  
3 least the minimum entrance requirements under RCW 28B.10.050.

4 (2) All public high schools of the state shall provide a program,  
5 directly or in cooperation with a community or technical college, a  
6 skills center, an apprenticeship committee, or another school district,  
7 for students who plan to pursue career or work opportunities other than  
8 entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after being granted a  
9 high school diploma. These programs may:

10 (a) Help students demonstrate the application of essential academic  
11 learning requirements to the world of work, occupation-specific skills,  
12 knowledge of more than one career in a chosen pathway, and  
13 employability and leadership skills; and

14 (b) Help students demonstrate the knowledge and skill needed to  
15 prepare for industry certification, and/or have the opportunity to  
16 articulate to postsecondary education and training programs.

17 (3) The state board of education, upon request from local school  
18 districts, may grant (~~temporary exemptions~~) waivers from the  
19 requirements to provide the program described in subsections (1) and  
20 (2) of this section for reasons relating to school district size and  
21 the availability of staff authorized to teach subjects which must be  
22 provided. In considering waiver requests related to programs in  
23 subsection (2) of this section, the state board of education shall  
24 consider the extent to which the school district has offered such  
25 programs before the 2003-04 school year.

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