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By Senators McAuliffe, Schmidt, Eide, Weinstein, Haugen, Berkey, Kastama, Shin, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing alternative methods of assessment
2 and appeal processes for the certificate of academic achievement; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 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.655
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Under RCW 28A.655.061, beginning in the 2006-07 school year,
8 the superintendent of public instruction shall implement two objective
9 alternative assessment methods for students to demonstrate achievement
10 of the state standards in content areas in which the student did not
11 meet the standard on the high school Washington assessment of student
12 learning. A student may access one or both of these alternatives if
13 the student meets applicable eligibility criteria in RCW 28A.655.061.
14 In addition to the eligibility criteria in RCW 28A.655.061, the
15 superintendent of public instruction may require additional eligibility
16 criteria.

17 (2) The alternative methods shall include:

18 (a) A combination of a student's grades in applicable courses and

1 the student's highest score on the high school Washington assessment of
2 student learning; and

3 (b) An evaluation of a collection of work samples. The evaluation
4 of the work samples shall be conducted at the state level or regionally
5 under the supervision of the office of the superintendent of public
6 instruction using uniform scoring criteria.

7 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall implement:

8 (a) By June 1, 2006, a process for students to appeal the score
9 they received on the high school assessment; and

10 (b) By January 1, 2007, guidelines and appeal processes for waiving
11 specific requirements in RCW 28A.655.061 pertaining to the certificate
12 of academic achievement and to the certificate of individual
13 achievement for students who: (i) Transfer to a Washington public
14 school in their junior or senior year with the intent of obtaining a
15 public high school diploma, or (ii) have special, unavoidable
16 circumstances.

17 (4) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to
18 implement this section.

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