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1            AN ACT Relating to development and adoption of a common school  
2 curriculum; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.230 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.230  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            The legislature recognizes the importance of local school district  
7 control and of decision making at the district level. However,  
8 beginning with the 2008 graduating class, Washington will require  
9 public high school students to meet state standards on the Washington  
10 assessment of student learning or demonstrate that the students have  
11 met state standards through the use of objective alternative  
12 assessments to be eligible to graduate. The legislature finds that  
13 with the increased accountability for student learning the state also  
14 has an increased responsibility to ensure that students are provided a  
15 curriculum that prepares them to meet or exceed state academic  
16 standards. The legislature further finds that a uniform statewide  
17 curriculum in those subject areas assessed on the Washington assessment  
18 of student learning will help to ensure that students are prepared to  
19 meet state standards and excel academically.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.230

2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) By January 15, 2009, within existing resources appropriated for  
4    the administration of the Washington assessment of student learning,  
5    the superintendent of public instruction shall develop a comprehensive  
6    and grade-appropriate curriculum for the instruction of students in  
7    kindergarten and grades one through twelve in the content areas  
8    assessed by the Washington assessment of student learning.    The  
9    superintendent shall periodically reevaluate the curriculum to ensure  
10   that it reflects any changes to the content areas assessed by the  
11   Washington assessment of student learning.    In developing the  
12   curriculum, the superintendent shall consider input from educators,  
13   parents, publishers of textbooks and related materials, and other  
14   interested parties.

15        (2) Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, all common school  
16   districts shall adopt the statewide curriculum developed by the  
17   superintendent of public instruction under this section to instruct  
18   students in kindergarten and grades one through twelve in those content  
19   areas addressed by the curriculum.    This section does not preclude a  
20   school district from providing instruction in addition to that provided  
21   by the curriculum.

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