
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5260

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Fraser, Pridemore, Hargrove, Sheldon, Kauffman, Hobbs, Hatfield, Fairley, and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to motivating students through incentives to pursue
2 postsecondary education by eliminating the use of statewide assessments
3 as a high school graduation requirement; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The office of the superintendent of public
6 instruction, the higher education coordinating board, and the state
7 board for community and technical colleges shall use existing staff and
8 resources to collaboratively conduct a review of incentive programs in
9 other states. The incentive programs that are reviewed must have a
10 purpose of increasing the number of students who meet the state
11 standards at any grade level and/or motivating students through
12 incentives to pursue postsecondary education. The agencies shall
13 provide an opportunity for input and comment by stakeholders throughout
14 the study. By December 1, 2009, the agencies shall make a joint report
15 to the legislature detailing the programs that were reviewed and making
16 recommendations for incentive programs that Washington should consider
17 for spending any savings realized by the state by eliminating the
18 statewide assessment as a high school graduation requirement. The

1 recommendations could include whether the state should create a public-
2 private partnership or use other creative models to implement any of
3 the recommendations.

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