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1 AN ACT Relating to a weighted grade point average for purposes of
2 the standardized high school transcript; amending RCW 28A.230.125; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that assigning greater
6 value to grades earned in more challenging courses provides an
7 incentive for students to challenge themselves academically. In
8 addition, weighted grades deservedly reward students who take tougher
9 courses, recognize higher levels of academic accomplishment, and
10 provide a more fair and balanced system of grading in schools.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.230.125 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 130 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with
14 the four-year institutions as defined in RCW 28B.76.020, the state
15 board for community and technical colleges, and the workforce training
16 and education coordinating board, shall develop for use by all public
17 school districts a standardized high school transcript. The

1 superintendent shall establish clear definitions for the terms
2 "credits" and "hours" so that school programs operating on the quarter,
3 semester, or trimester system can be compared.

4 (2) The standardized high school transcript shall include a
5 notation of whether the student has earned a certificate of individual
6 achievement or a certificate of academic achievement.

7 (3) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with
8 the entities listed under subsection (1) of this section, shall develop
9 a common methodology to assign additional weight to advanced placement
10 (AP) courses and higher level international baccalaureate (IB) courses
11 for purposes of calculating a high school student's grade point
12 average. Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, school districts shall
13 use the common methodology for calculating the grade point average of
14 all high school students for the standardized high school transcript.

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