

SSB 5548 - S AMD 136
By Senator Mullet

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1 On page 6, line 9, after "including" strike "but not limited to"
2 and insert "~~((but not limited to))~~ eligibility for automatic
3 enrollment in advanced classes under RCW 28A.320.195,"

4 On page 37, after line 31, insert the following:

5 "**Sec. 20.** RCW 28A.320.195 and 2013 c 184 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) By the 2021-22 school year, each school district board of
8 directors ~~((is encouraged to))~~ shall adopt an academic acceleration
9 policy for high school students as provided under this section.

10 (2) Under an academic acceleration policy:

11 (a) The district shall automatically enroll~~((s))~~ any student who
12 meets or exceeds the state standard on the eighth grade or high
13 school English language arts or mathematics statewide student
14 assessment in the next most rigorous level of advanced courses or
15 program offered by the high school~~((Students who successfully~~
16 ~~complete such an advanced course are then enrolled in the next most~~
17 ~~rigorous level of advanced course, with the objective that students~~
18 ~~will eventually be automatically enrolled in courses that offer the~~
19 ~~opportunity to earn dual credit for high school and college))~~that
20 aligns with the student's high school and beyond plan goals.

21 (b) Each school district may include additional eligibility
22 criteria for students to participate in the academic acceleration
23 policy so long as the district criteria does not create inequities
24 among student groups in the advanced course or program.

25 (3)(a) The subject matter of the advanced courses or program in
26 which ~~((the))~~ a student is automatically enrolled depends on the
27 content area or areas of the ~~((statewide student))~~ assessments where
28 the student has met or exceeded the state standard under subsection
29 (2) of this section. ~~((Students who meet the state standard on both~~
30 ~~end-of-course mathematics assessments are considered to have met the~~
31 ~~state standard for high school mathematics.))~~

1 (b) Students who meet or exceed the state standard ((in both
2 reading and writing)) on the English language arts statewide student
3 assessment are eligible for enrollment in advanced courses in
4 English, social studies, humanities, and other related subjects.

5 (c) Students who meet or exceed the state standard on the
6 mathematics statewide student assessment are eligible for enrollment
7 in advanced courses in mathematics.

8 (d) Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, students who meet or
9 exceed the state standard on the Washington comprehensive assessment
10 of science are eligible for enrollment in advanced courses in
11 science.

12 (4)(a) Students who successfully complete an advanced course in
13 accordance with subsection (3) of this section are then enrolled in
14 the next most rigorous level of advanced course that aligns with the
15 student's high school and beyond plan.

16 (b) Students who successfully complete the advanced course in
17 accordance with this subsection are then enrolled in the next most
18 rigorous level of advanced course with the objective that students
19 will eventually be automatically enrolled in courses that offer the
20 opportunity to earn dual credit for high school and college.

21 (5) The district must notify students and parents or guardians
22 regarding the academic acceleration policy and the advanced courses
23 or programs available to students, including dual credit courses or
24 programs.

25 ~~((d))~~ (6) The district must provide a parent or guardian of a
26 high school student with an opportunity to opt the student out of the
27 academic acceleration policy and enroll ((a)) the student in an
28 alternative course or program that aligns with the student's high
29 school and beyond plan goals."

30 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
31 internal references accordingly.

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32 On page 1, line 6 of the title, after "28A.655.090," strike "and
33 28A.655.200" and insert "28A.655.200, and 28A.320.195"

EFFECT: (1) Requires all school districts to adopt an academic acceleration policy by the 2021-22 school year. (2) Requires districts to automatically enroll students who meet state standards in the next most rigorous level of advanced courses or program offered by the high school. (3) Requires districts to notify students and parents regarding dual credit courses. (4) Adds identification of eligibility for automatic enrollment in advanced classes as a required element for high school and beyond plans.

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