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**By** Representatives Steele, Dufault, Graham, Sutherland, Jacobsen, and Eslick

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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting academic transparency in public  
2 schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.605 RCW; and creating a  
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes the  
6 invaluable role that public schools have in preparing students for  
7 success in postsecondary education, gainful employment, and  
8 citizenship. The success of students and schools, however, is reliant  
9 upon a partnership of mutual trust, respect, and support between  
10 school officials and the communities they serve.

11 (2) The legislature recognizes also that the unique challenges of  
12 a years long, and still ongoing, global pandemic have shed additional  
13 light on the critical and ever-evolving relationships between  
14 parents, teachers, and schools. As a result, new opportunities have  
15 arisen for strengthening these relationships and promoting the  
16 academic and community environments that foster authentic student  
17 engagement and learning.

18 (3) The legislature, therefore, in the interest of making  
19 instructional materials more accessible to parents and legal  
20 guardians, while simultaneously respecting the professional judgment  
21 of teachers and the importance of a free exchange of ideas in

1 classrooms, intends to require school districts and other education  
2 entities to annually post syllabi and lists of instructional  
3 materials used by teachers during the school year. The legislature  
4 does not intend for this act to restrict the use or selection of  
5 academic materials, or to create undue burdens upon teachers, but  
6 rather intends for its provisions to promote academic transparency  
7 and the corresponding dividends of parental trust, community support,  
8 and student success.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.605  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1)(a) Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each school  
12 district shall, for each classroom teacher of the school district,  
13 annually post on its website the syllabi and instructional materials  
14 selected and used by the teacher, by grade or course, as applicable,  
15 for each quarter or semester of the academic year.

16 (b) Postings required by this section must: (i) Be made by the  
17 end of the academic year or May 31st, whichever is earlier; and (ii)  
18 apply to the academic year that is concluding at the time of posting.

19 (2) This section governs school operation and management under  
20 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020, and applies to charter schools  
21 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education  
22 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same  
23 extent as it applies to school districts.

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