CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5657

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  Yeas 49 Nays 0

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5657** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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Secretary

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Secretary of State
State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Wellman, Hunt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Rivers, and C. Wilson

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1   AN ACT Relating to computer science instruction in state long-
2 term juvenile institutions; adding a new section to chapter 28A.190
3 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the benefit of
6 computer science and computational thinking in education, not only
7 with respect to educational development, but also in cultivating the
8 skills needed to compete and excel in our state's career landscape.
9 The legislature also recognizes the heightened importance of
10 providing access to computer science education to youth in secure
11 facilities, where access to innovative and engaging learning
12 experiences can: (1) Build in-demand skills to prepare students for
13 future employment; (2) help students transition back to their
14 communities following incarceration; and (3) prevent recidivism.
15 However, the legislature understands that state long-term juvenile
16 institutions have unique environmental and facility limitations that
17 affect the ability to deliver some components of computer science
18 instruction in a secure manner. Therefore, the legislature intends to
19 require school districts that operate institutional education
20 programs in state long-term juvenile institutions to provide access

1 to computer science courses, while allowing the flexibility to adjust
2 curriculum and instructional activities when necessary.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.190
4 RCW to read as follows:
5 (1) Subject to the availability and sufficiency of amounts
6 appropriated for this specific purpose in addition to the amounts
7 appropriated through the institutional education funding formulas
8 specified in the omnibus appropriations act, and subject to staffing
9 availability, each school district operating an institutional
10 education program for youth in state long-term juvenile institutions
11 must provide an opportunity to access an elective computer science
12 course in accordance with RCW 28A.230.300(1).
13 (2) If, due to facility or technology security limitations, a
14 school district cannot provide a computer science course that is
15 fully aligned with all state computer science learning standards, the
16 school district must adapt the course curriculum and instructional
17 activities to align with as many state computer science learning
18 standards as possible.
19 (3) Each school district operating an institutional education
20 program for youth in state long-term juvenile institutions must
21 annually report the following information to the office of the
22 superintendent of public instruction:
23 (a) Data indicating the number of students who enrolled in a
24 computer science course in the prior school year, disaggregated by
25 gender, race, ethnicity, and age;
26 (b) A brief description of each computer science course and
27 whether the course is fully aligned to state computer science
28 learning standards; and
29 (c) A brief description of any facility or technology security
30 limitations that prevent the school district from offering a course
31 fully aligned with state computer science learning standards, and the
32 actions the district is taking to address those limitations.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
34 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
35 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
36 act is null and void.

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