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**SENATE BILL 5640**

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**By** Senators Prince, Fairley, Wood, Fraser, Hale, Kohl, Johnson,  
Franklin, Prentice and Sheldon

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1            AN ACT Relating to international education; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 28B.10 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            The governing boards of the state universities, regional  
7 universities, and state college, each as defined in RCW 28B.10.016,  
8 shall adopt a requirement that after May 1, 1999, before receiving a  
9 baccalaureate degree from the institution, a student shall demonstrate  
10 competency in at least one world language in addition to English.

11           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13           In cooperation with the institutions of higher education and the  
14 state board for community and technical colleges, the board shall  
15 initiate a system to track the progress of world language instruction  
16 in public colleges and universities. The system shall monitor the  
17 number of courses taught at each institution in each world language,  
18 the number of courses taught in a language used by one of the countries

1 listed as one of our fifteen key target markets for international  
2 trade, the number of students who have demonstrated competency in a  
3 world language other than English, and the numbers and percentages of  
4 those students who have demonstrated competency in a language used by  
5 one of the countries listed by the department of community, trade, and  
6 economic development as one of our fifteen key target markets for  
7 international trade.

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