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1 AN ACT Relating to mental health and suicide prevention education;
2 and amending RCW 28A.230.095.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.230.095 and 2009 c 556 s 8 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) By the end of the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall
7 have in place in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools
8 assessments or other strategies chosen by the district to assure that
9 students have an opportunity to learn the essential academic learning
10 requirements in social studies, the arts, and health and fitness.
11 Social studies includes history, geography, civics, economics, and
12 social studies skills. Health and fitness includes, but is not limited
13 to, mental health and suicide prevention education. Beginning with the
14 2008-09 school year, school districts shall annually submit an
15 implementation verification report to the office of the superintendent
16 of public instruction. The office of the superintendent of public
17 instruction may not require school districts to use a classroom-based
18 assessment in social studies, the arts, and health and fitness to meet

1 the requirements of this section and shall clearly communicate to
2 districts their option to use other strategies chosen by the district.

3 (2) Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall
4 require students in the seventh or eighth grade, and the eleventh or
5 twelfth grade to each complete at least one classroom-based assessment
6 in civics. Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, school districts
7 shall require students in the fourth or fifth grade to complete at
8 least one classroom-based assessment in civics. The civics assessment
9 may be selected from a list of classroom-based assessments approved by
10 the office of the superintendent of public instruction. Beginning with
11 the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall annually submit
12 implementation verification reports to the office of the superintendent
13 of public instruction documenting the use of the classroom-based
14 assessments in civics.

15 (3) Verification reports shall require school districts to report
16 only the information necessary to comply with this section.

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