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By Senators McCoy and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to K-12 instructional hours; and amending RCW
2 28A.150.205 and 28A.150.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.205 and 1992 c 141 s 502 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definition in
7 this section applies throughout RCW 28A.150.200 through 28A.150.295.

8 "Instructional hours" means those hours students are provided the
9 opportunity to engage in educational activity planned by and under the
10 direction of school district staff, as directed by the administration
11 and board of directors of the district, inclusive of intermissions for
12 class changes, recess, teacher collaboration time, and teacher/parent-
13 guardian conferences that are planned and scheduled by the district for
14 the purpose of discussing students' educational needs or progress, and
15 exclusive of time actually spent for meals.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.220 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 9 s 2 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (1) In order for students to have the opportunity to develop the

1 basic education knowledge and skills under RCW 28A.150.210, school
2 districts must provide instruction of sufficient quantity and quality
3 and give students the opportunity to complete graduation requirements
4 that are intended to prepare them for postsecondary education, gainful
5 employment, and citizenship. The program established under this
6 section shall be the minimum instructional program of basic education
7 offered by school districts.

8 (2) Each school district shall make available to students (~~the~~
9 ~~following~~) a minimum instructional offering each school year that
10 comprises instructional hours as defined in RCW 28A.150.205 and:

11 (a) For students enrolled in grades one through twelve, at least a
12 district-wide annual average of one thousand hours, which shall be
13 increased to at least one thousand eighty instructional hours for
14 students enrolled in each of grades seven through twelve and at least
15 one thousand instructional hours for students in each of grades one
16 through six according to an implementation schedule adopted by the
17 legislature, but not before the 2014-15 school year; and

18 (b) For students enrolled in kindergarten, at least four hundred
19 fifty instructional hours, which shall be increased to at least one
20 thousand instructional hours according to the implementation schedule
21 under RCW 28A.150.315.

22 (3) The instructional program of basic education provided by each
23 school district shall include:

24 (a) Instruction in the essential academic learning requirements
25 under RCW 28A.655.070;

26 (b) Instruction that provides students the opportunity to complete
27 twenty-four credits for high school graduation, subject to a phased-in
28 implementation of the twenty-four credits as established by the
29 legislature. Course distribution requirements may be established by
30 the state board of education under RCW 28A.230.090;

31 (c) If the essential academic learning requirements include a
32 requirement of languages other than English, the requirement may be met
33 by students receiving instruction in one or more American Indian
34 languages;

35 (d) Supplemental instruction and services for underachieving
36 students through the learning assistance program under RCW 28A.165.005
37 through 28A.165.065;

1 (e) Supplemental instruction and services for eligible and enrolled
2 students and exited students whose primary language is other than
3 English through the transitional bilingual instruction program under
4 RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080;

5 (f) The opportunity for an appropriate education at public expense
6 as defined by RCW 28A.155.020 for all eligible students with
7 disabilities as defined in RCW 28A.155.020; and

8 (g) Programs for highly capable students under RCW 28A.185.010
9 through 28A.185.030.

10 (4) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require
11 individual students to attend school for any particular number of hours
12 per day or to take any particular courses.

13 (5) Each school district's kindergarten through twelfth grade basic
14 educational program shall be accessible to all students who are five
15 years of age, as provided by RCW 28A.225.160, and less than twenty-one
16 years of age and shall consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty
17 school days per school year in such grades as are conducted by a school
18 district, and one hundred eighty half-days of instruction, or
19 equivalent, in kindergarten, to be increased to a minimum of one
20 hundred eighty school days per school year according to the
21 implementation schedule under RCW 28A.150.315. However, schools
22 administering the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing
23 skills may use up to three school days at the beginning of the school
24 year to meet with parents and families as required in the parent
25 involvement component of the inventory. In addition, effective May 1,
26 1979, a school district may schedule the last five school days of the
27 one hundred and eighty day school year for noninstructional purposes in
28 the case of students who are graduating from high school, including,
29 but not limited to, the observance of graduation and early release from
30 school upon the request of a student, and all such students may be
31 claimed as a full-time equivalent student to the extent they could
32 otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and
33 28A.150.260.

34 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a school district from
35 enriching the instructional program of basic education, such as
36 offering additional instruction or providing additional services,
37 programs, or activities that the school district determines to be
38 appropriate for the education of the school district's students.

1 (7) The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement and
2 ensure compliance with the program requirements imposed by this
3 section, RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260, and such related supplemental
4 program approval requirements as the state board may establish, except
5 that until the 2017-18 school year, the state board of education shall
6 not penalize a school district for not fully implementing the increase
7 in the minimum instructional offering under subsection (2)(a) of this
8 section so long as the school district is making progress each
9 biennium.

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