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By Senators Liias, Hasegawa, Kuderer, and Wilson, C.; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

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1 AN ACT Relating to removing the ability of school districts to
2 withhold grades and transcripts of pupils; and amending RCW
3 28A.635.060.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.635.060 and 1997 c 266 s 13 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Any pupil who defaces or otherwise injures any school
8 property, or property belonging to a school contractor, employee, or
9 another student, is subject to suspension and punishment. If any
10 property of the school district, a contractor of the district, an
11 employee, or another student has been lost or willfully cut, defaced,
12 or injured, the school district may withhold the ((grades,))
13 diploma((, and transcripts)) of the pupil responsible for the damage
14 or loss until the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian has paid
15 for the damages. If the student is suspended, the student may not be
16 readmitted until the student or parents or legal guardian has made
17 payment in full or until directed by the superintendent of schools.
18 If the property damaged is a school bus owned and operated by or
19 contracted to any school district, a student suspended for the damage
20 may not be permitted to enter or ride any school bus until the
21 student or parent or legal guardian has made payment in full or until

1 directed by the superintendent. When the pupil and parent or guardian
2 are unable to pay for the damages, the school district shall provide
3 a program of voluntary work for the pupil in lieu of the payment of
4 monetary damages. Upon completion of voluntary work the ((~~grades,~~)
5 diploma(~~, and transcripts~~)) of the pupil shall be released. The
6 parent or guardian of such pupil shall be liable for damages as
7 otherwise provided by law.

8 (2) Before any penalties are assessed under this section, a
9 school district board of directors shall adopt procedures which
10 insure that pupils' rights to due process are protected.

11 (3) If the department of social and health services or a child-
12 placing agency licensed by the department has been granted custody of
13 a child, that child's records, if requested by the department or
14 agency, are not to be withheld for nonpayment of school fees or any
15 other reason.

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