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1 AN ACT Relating to posthumous high school diplomas; and amending
2 RCW 28A.230.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.230.120 and 2008 c 185 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) School districts shall issue diplomas to students signifying
7 graduation from high school upon the students' satisfactory
8 completion of all local and state graduation requirements. Districts
9 shall grant students the option of receiving a final transcript in
10 addition to the regular diploma.

11 (2) School districts or schools of attendance shall establish
12 policies and procedures to notify senior students of the transcript
13 option and shall direct students to indicate their decisions in a
14 timely manner. School districts shall make appropriate provisions to
15 assure that students who choose to receive a copy of their final
16 transcript shall receive such transcript after graduation.

17 (3)(a) A school district may issue a high school diploma to a
18 person who:

19 (i) Is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the
20 United States; and

1 (ii) Left high school before graduation to serve in World War II,
2 the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era as defined in RCW 41.04.005.

3 (b) A school district may issue a diploma to or on behalf of a
4 person otherwise eligible under (a) of this subsection
5 notwithstanding the fact that the person holds a high school
6 equivalency certification or is deceased.

7 (c) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt a form
8 for a diploma application to be used by a veteran or a person acting
9 on behalf of a deceased veteran under this subsection (3). The
10 superintendent of public instruction shall specify what constitutes
11 acceptable evidence of eligibility for a diploma.

12 (4) (a) A school district shall issue a high school diploma to a
13 deceased student, at the request of the parent, guardian, or
14 custodian, if the student:

15 (i) Was enrolled in a public school in the district at the time
16 of death;

17 (ii) Was academically eligible, or on track to complete the
18 requirements, for graduation at the time of death; and

19 (iii) Died after the completion of the eleventh grade school year
20 or equivalent.

21 (b) The high school diploma may not be issued before the
22 graduation date of the class in which the student was enrolled at the
23 time of death.

24 (c) Nothing in this subsection requires that a district award a
25 diploma to a deceased student at the same ceremony or event as other
26 graduating students.

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