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SENATE BILL 6474

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By Senator McCoy

1 AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot project for tribal compact  
2 schools that accommodates cultural and agricultural events in school  
3 attendance requirements; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.715  
4 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.715  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A pilot project is established for tribal compact schools to  
9 explore and implement options in adjusting school attendance and  
10 calendar requirements for the purpose of accommodating cultural and  
11 agricultural events and replacing graduation testing requirements  
12 with culturally relevant and community-based standards.

13 (2) Tribal compact schools participating in the pilot project may  
14 develop various options in implementing the pilot, including but not  
15 limited to:

16 (a) Obtaining a waiver, in accordance to RCW 28A.305.141, to the  
17 requirement of one hundred eighty school days per school year as  
18 provided under RCW 28A.150.220;

19 (b) Counting student participation in cultural or agricultural  
20 programs as instructional days for the purposes of RCW  
21 28A.150.220(5);

1 (c) Categorizing the participation in cultural or agricultural  
2 events as an excused absence under RCW 28A.225.010;  
3 (d) Exploring ways that cultural and agricultural events are  
4 reflected in data concerning absenteeism;  
5 (e) Expanding the two-day limit of excused absences under RCW  
6 28A.225.010(1)(e) for students participating in particular cultural  
7 and agricultural events as part of their educational development; or  
8 (f) Replacing mandatory graduation testing requirements with  
9 culturally relevant and community-based standards.  
10 (3) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit  
11 the amount of funding allocated to tribal compact schools  
12 participating in the pilot program.  
13 (4) A tribal compact school participating in the pilot shall  
14 submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
15 every four years and include a recommendation on whether the pilot  
16 project should be modified, continued, or expanded.  
17 (5) The pilot project shall expire August 1, 2030.

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