

HB 2973 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to create a rigorous, high quality career and technical high school graduation option that assures students meet state standards in fundamental academic content areas, but also reflects nationally recognized standards for the knowledge and skills needed to pursue employment and careers in technical fields.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to develop a list of approved career and technical education programs that qualify for the high school graduation option under RCW 28A.230.090. Programs on the list must meet the following minimum criteria: (1) Lead to a certificate or credential that is nationally recognized by trades, industries, or other professional associations as necessary for employment or advancement in that field;

(2) Require a vocationally intensive and rigorous course of study with the equivalent of one thousand eighty hours of study; and

(3) Have a high potential for providing the program completer with gainful employment or entry into a postsecondary work force training program.