

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1050

Chapter 318, Laws of 2007

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES--GRADUATION CEREMONIES

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Passed by the House April 14, 2007
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 2, 2007
Yeas 44 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 4, 2007, 4:12 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1050** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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May 7, 2007

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Quall, Kagi, Pedersen, Morrell, Kenney, P. Sullivan, Jarrett, Simpson, Wallace, Cody, McDermott, Linville, Moeller, Morris, Springer, Wood, Santos, Schual-Berke, Williams, Ormsby and Hasegawa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing certain students with disabilities to
2 participate in graduation ceremonies; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.155 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

6 (1) There are students with disabilities throughout the state of
7 Washington who have attended four years of high school, but whose
8 individualized education programs prescribe the continuation of special
9 education and related services beyond the fourth year of high school;

10 (2) Through their participation in the public schools and the
11 community, students with disabilities have frequently become identified
12 with and connected to a class of typically developing, age-appropriate
13 peers who will graduate in four years and participate in a high school
14 graduation ceremony;

15 (3) A high school graduation ceremony is an important rite of
16 passage for students regardless of their abilities or limitations; and

17 (4) There is significant value in recognizing students' attendance
18 and accomplishments in their individualized education programs and in
19 allowing students with disabilities to participate in high school

1 graduation ceremonies and activities with their age-appropriate peers
2 without the forfeiture of their continuing special education and
3 related services.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning July 1, 2007, each school district that operates a
7 high school shall establish a policy and procedures that permit any
8 student who is receiving special education or related services under an
9 individualized education program pursuant to state and federal law and
10 who will continue to receive such services between the ages of eighteen
11 and twenty-one to participate in the graduation ceremony and activities
12 after four years of high school attendance with his or her age-
13 appropriate peers and receive a certificate of attendance.

14 (2) Participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt of a
15 certificate of attendance under this section does not preclude a
16 student from continuing to receive special education and related
17 services under an individualized education program beyond the
18 graduation ceremony.

19 (3) A student's participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt
20 of a certificate of attendance under this section shall not be
21 construed as the student's receipt of either:

- 22 (a) A high school diploma pursuant to RCW 28A.230.120; or
- 23 (b) A certificate of individual achievement pursuant to RCW
24 28A.155.045.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as Kevin's
26 law.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
30 immediately.

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