CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1562

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT--GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS--CERTIFICATE

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Passed by the House March 3, 2009
Yeas 97  Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 20, 2009
Yeas 42  Nays 1

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

CERTIFICATE
I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is HOUSE BILL 1562 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER
Chief Clerk

Approved March 30, 2009, 3:41 p.m.

FILED
March 31, 2009

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to graduation without a certificate of academic
achievement or a certificate of individual achievement; amending RCW
28A.655.0611; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 28A.655.0611 and 2007 c 354 s 4 are each amended to
read as follows:
(1) Beginning with the graduating class of 2008 and through no
later than the graduating class of 2012, students may graduate from
high school without earning a certificate of academic achievement or a
certificate of individual achievement if they:
   (a) Have not successfully met the mathematics standard on the high
school Washington assessment of student learning, an approved objective
alternative assessment, or an alternate assessment developed for
eligible special education students;
   (b) Have successfully met the state standard in the other content
areas required for a certificate under RCW 28A.655.061 or 28A.155.045;
   (c) Have met all other state and school district graduation
requirements; and
(d)(i) For the graduating class of 2008, successfully earn one ((additional)) high school mathematics credit or career and technical course equivalent, including courses offered at skill centers, after the student's eleventh grade year intended to increase the student's mathematics proficiency toward meeting or exceeding the mathematics standards assessed on the high school Washington assessment of student learning ((and continue to take the appropriate mathematics assessment at least once annually until graduation)); and

(ii) For the remaining graduating classes under this section, successfully earn two ((additional)) mathematics credits or career and technical course equivalent, including courses offered at skill centers, after the student's tenth grade year intended to increase the student's mathematics proficiency toward meeting or exceeding the mathematics standards assessed on the high school Washington assessment of student learning ((and continue to take the appropriate mathematics assessment at least once annually until graduation)).

(2) The state board of education may adopt a rule that ends the application of this section with a graduating class before the graduating class of 2012, if the state board of education adopts the rule by September 1st of the freshman school year of the graduating class to which the provisions of this section no longer apply. The state board of education's authority under this section does not alter the requirement that any change in performance standards for the tenth grade assessment must comply with RCW 28A.305.130.

(3) This section expires August 31, 2013.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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