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1 AN ACT Relating to the registration of international student
2 visitor exchange programs; and amending RCW 19.166.010, 19.166.040,
3 19.166.050, 19.166.070, and 19.166.080.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.166.010 and 1991 c 128 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It is the intent of the legislature to:

8 (1) Promote the health, safety, and welfare of international
9 student exchange visitors in Washington in accordance with uniform
10 national standards;

11 (2) Promote quality education and living experiences for
12 international student exchange visitors living in Washington;

13 (3) Promote international awareness among Washington residents, by
14 encouraging Washington residents to interact with international student
15 exchange visitors;

16 (4) Encourage public confidence in international student exchange
17 visitor placement organizations operating in Washington;

18 (5) Encourage (~~and assist with~~) compliance with (~~United States~~

1 information)) appropriate federal agency regulations and nationally
2 established standards as outlined by the council on standards for
3 international educational travel or its successor organization; and

4 (6) Promote the existence and quality of international student
5 visitor exchange programs operating in Washington.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.166.040 and 1997 c 58 s 854 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) An application for registration as an international student
9 exchange visitor placement organization shall be submitted in the form
10 prescribed by the secretary of state. The application shall include:

11 (a) Evidence that the organization meets the standards established
12 by the secretary of state under RCW 19.166.050;

13 (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the organization,
14 its chief executive officer, and the person within the organization who
15 has primary responsibility for supervising placements within the state;

16 (c) The organization's unified business identification number, if
17 any;

18 (d) The organization's (~~United States Information Agency~~) federal
19 agency number, if any;

20 (e) Evidence of council on standards for international educational
21 travel listing, if any;

22 (f) Whether the organization is exempt from federal income tax;
23 (~~and~~)

24 (g) A list of the organization's placements in Washington for the
25 previous academic year including the number of students placed, their
26 home countries, the school districts in which they were placed, and the
27 length of their placements; and

28 (h) A copy of the informational document for a student as required
29 under RCW 19.166.070.

30 (2) The application shall be signed by the chief executive officer
31 of the organization and the person within the organization who has
32 primary responsibility for supervising placements within Washington.
33 If the secretary of state determines that the application is complete,
34 the secretary of state shall file the application and the applicant is
35 registered.

36 (3) International student exchange visitor placement organizations

1 that have registered shall inform the secretary of state of any changes
2 in the information required under subsection (1) of this section within
3 thirty days of the change.

4 (4) Registration shall be renewed annually as established by rule
5 by the office of the secretary of state.

6 ~~((5) The office of the secretary of state shall immediately
7 suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified
8 pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health
9 services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or
10 a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet
11 all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension,
12 reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the
13 office of the secretary of state's receipt of a release issued by the
14 department of social and health services stating that the licensee is
15 in compliance with the order.))~~

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.166.050 and 1991 c 128 s 4 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 The secretary of state shall adopt standards for international
19 student exchange visitor placement organizations. In adopting the
20 standards, the secretary of state shall strive to adopt standards
21 established by the ~~((United States Information Agency))~~ appropriate
22 federal agency and the council on standards for international
23 educational travel and strive to achieve uniformity with national
24 standards. The secretary of state may incorporate standards
25 established by the ~~((United States Information Agency))~~ appropriate
26 federal agency or the council on standards for international
27 educational travel by reference and may accept an organization's
28 designation by the ~~((United States Information Agency))~~ appropriate
29 federal agency or acceptance for listing by the council on standards
30 for international educational travel as evidence of compliance with
31 such standards.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 19.166.070 and 1991 c 128 s 7 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 International student exchange organizations that have agreed to
35 provide services to place students in the state shall provide an
36 informational document, in English, to each student, host family, and

1 superintendent of the school district in which the student is being
2 placed. The document shall be provided before placement and shall
3 include the following:

4 (1) An explanation of the services to be performed by the
5 organization for the student, host family, and school district;

6 (2) A summary of this chapter prepared by the secretary of state;

7 (3) Telephone numbers that the student, host family, and school
8 district may call for assistance. The telephone numbers shall include,
9 at minimum, an in-state telephone number for the organization, and the
10 telephone numbers of the organization's national headquarters, if any,
11 the ((~~United States Information Agency~~)) appropriate federal agency,
12 and the office of the secretary of state.

13 **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.166.080 and 1991 c 128 s 8 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The secretary of state may, upon receipt of a complaint regarding
16 an international student exchange organization, report the matter to
17 the organization involved, the ((~~United States Information Agency~~))
18 appropriate federal agency, or the council on standards for
19 international ((~~education~~)) educational travel, as he or she deems
20 appropriate. The secretary of state may, upon receipt of a complaint
21 in which the secretary of state suspects criminal activity, report the
22 matter to the appropriate local law enforcement agency, in addition to
23 the organization involved or the council on standards for international
24 educational travel, as the secretary of state deems appropriate.

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