
Higher Education Committee

HB 1733

Brief Description: Concerning technical college diploma programs.

Sponsors: Representatives Springer and Muri.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a technical college to award high school diplomas to students who have completed their associate degree through the Technical College Direct Funded Enrollment Program.

Hearing Date: 2/8/17

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

Through the Technical College Direct Funded Enrollment Program (Program), individuals from various school districts may take high school and college courses simultaneously on a technical college campus. Students who have dropped out of high school or are disengaged or have been suspended, are eligible to attend a technical high school under this program. Students must be at least 16 and under 21 years of age and complete other minimum admission standards.

Enrollment is under an inter-local agreement between the technical college and the school district. Participating technical colleges are Lake Washington Technical Academy at Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Northwest Career and Technical High School at Clover Park Technical College, and Technical High School at Bates Technical College.

Community and technical colleges may issue high school diplomas, on written request of the student, to Running Start students who enroll in the college and complete an associate's degree and to individuals over 21 who enroll in the college and obtain an associate's degree.

Summary of Bill:

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Students who enroll in a technical college under the Program, and who complete an associate degree, must be awarded a high school diploma from the college, upon written request from the student.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.