

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6177**

54th Legislature  
1996 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate February 9, 1996  
YEAS 49 NAYS 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 29, 1996  
YEAS 95 NAYS 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6177** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Bauer and Kohl; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

Read first time 01/08/96. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to student consumer protection; and amending RCW  
2 28B.85.040.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.85.040 and 1994 c 38 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) An institution or person shall not advertise, offer, sell, or  
7 award a degree or any other type of educational credential unless the  
8 student has enrolled in and successfully completed a prescribed program  
9 of study, as outlined in the institution's publications. This  
10 prohibition shall not apply to honorary credentials clearly designated  
11 as such on the front side of the diploma or certificate and awarded by  
12 institutions offering other educational credentials in compliance with  
13 state law.

14            (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, this  
15 chapter shall not apply to:

16            (a) Any public college, university, community college, technical  
17 college, or institute operating as part of the public higher  
18 educational system of this state((~~-~~));

1 (b) Institutions that have been accredited by an accrediting  
2 association recognized by the agency for the purposes of this  
3 chapter(~~(, provided)~~): PROVIDED, That those institutions meet minimum  
4 exemption standards adopted by the agency; and PROVIDED FURTHER, That  
5 an institution, branch, extension, or facility operating within the  
6 state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating  
7 in another state must be a separately accredited member institution of  
8 any such accrediting association to qualify for this exemption(~~(-)~~);

9 (c) Institutions of a religious character, but only as to those  
10 education programs devoted exclusively to religious or theological  
11 objectives if the programs are represented in an accurate manner in  
12 institutional catalogs and other official publications(~~(-)~~); or

13 (d) Institutions not otherwise exempt which offer only workshops or  
14 seminars lasting no longer than three calendar days and for which  
15 academic credit is not awarded.

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