

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1580**

53rd Legislature  
1993 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 20, 1993  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 9, 1993  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1580** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Brumsickle, Jacobsen, Bray, Rayburn, Finkbeiner, Kessler, J. Kohl, Shin, G. Fisher, Springer, Romero, R. Johnson, Linville and Basich)

Read first time 03/03/93.

1            AN ACT Relating to higher education; and adding new sections to  
2 chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that, in public  
5 colleges and universities, improvement is needed in graduation rates  
6 and in the length of time required for students to attain their  
7 educational objectives.    The legislature also finds that public  
8 colleges and universities should offer classes in a way that will  
9 permit full-time students to complete a degree or certificate program  
10 in about the amount of time described in the institution's catalog as  
11 necessary to complete that degree or certificate program.

12            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) By May 15, 1994, each state institution  
13 of higher education, as part of its strategic plan, shall adopt  
14 strategies designed to shorten the time required for students to  
15 complete a degree or certificate and to improve the graduation rate for  
16 all students.

1 (2) Beginning with the fall 1995-96 academic term, each institution  
2 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 shall implement the  
3 strategies described in subsection (1) of this section.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) By May 30, 1994, each public four-year  
5 institution of higher education shall forward to the higher education  
6 coordinating board for its review and comment, certain preliminary  
7 components of the institution's strategic plan. The components shall  
8 include strategies to improve student graduation rates and shorten the  
9 time needed for students to obtain a baccalaureate degree.

10 (2) By September 30, 1994, the state board for community and  
11 technical colleges will forward to the higher education coordinating  
12 board for its review and comment, a report on the strategies adopted by  
13 community and technical colleges to speed the progress of students  
14 towards their educational goals and to shorten the time needed for  
15 students to obtain a degree or certificate.

16 (3) By December 15, 1994, the higher education coordinating board  
17 shall report to the governor and the higher education committees of the  
18 house of representatives and senate on its review of strategies  
19 designed to improve graduation rates and shorten the time needed for  
20 students to obtain a degree or certificate. The report shall include  
21 an analysis of system-wide strategies and recommendations for any  
22 legislation necessary to assist institutions with the implementation of  
23 their plans.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Each institution of higher education as  
25 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may enter into a student progression  
26 understanding with an interested student. The terms of the  
27 understanding shall permit a student to obtain a degree or certificate  
28 within the standard period of time assumed for a full-time student  
29 pursuing that degree or certificate. Usually, the standard amount of  
30 time will be about two years for an associate of arts degree and about  
31 four years for a baccalaureate degree. Student progression  
32 understandings shall not give rise to any cause of action on behalf of  
33 any student as a result of the failure of any state institution of  
34 higher education to fulfill its obligations under the student  
35 progression understanding.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each  
2 added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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