

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1580

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GRADUATION RATE IMPROVEMENT AND SHORTENING OF TIME REQUIRED
TO OBTAIN COLLEGE DEGREE

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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

JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

Approved May 15, 1993

MIKE LOWRY
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.

ALAN THOMPSON
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
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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)

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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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