

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5603**

Chapter 119, Laws of 1997

55th Legislature  
1997 Regular Session

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/97

Passed by the Senate March 12, 1997  
YEAS 49 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 10, 1997  
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved April 21, 1997

GARY LOCKE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5603** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
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**By Senators Stevens, Zarelli, Johnson, Roach, Oke and Hochstatter**

Read first time 02/03/97. Referred to Committee on Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to student records; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 28A.600 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            The parent or guardian of a student who is or has been in  
7 attendance at a school has the right to review all education records of  
8 the student. A school may not release the education records of a  
9 student without the written consent of the student's parent or  
10 guardian, except as authorized by RCW 28A.600.475 and the family  
11 educational and privacy rights act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g.

12            The board of directors of each school district shall establish a  
13 procedure for:

14            (1) Granting the request by a parent or guardian for access to the  
15 education records of his or her child; and

16            (2) Prohibiting the release of student information without the  
17 written consent of the student's parent or guardian, after the parent  
18 or guardian has been informed what information is being requested, who

1 is requesting the information and why, and what will be done with the  
2 information.

3 The procedure adopted by the school district must be in compliance  
4 with the family educational and privacy rights act of 1974, 20 U.S.C.  
5 Sec. 1232g.

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