

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1856

Chapter 214, Laws of 2002

57th Legislature
2002 Regular Session

SCHOOL ABSENCES--SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/13/02

Passed by the House March 9, 2002
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 5, 2002
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 28, 2002

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1856** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2002 Regular Session

State of Washington 57th Legislature 2001 Regular Session

By Representatives Morell, O'Brien, Talcott, Miloscia, Quall, Carrell,
Rockefeller, Bush, Cox, Pflug, Pearson and Woods

Read first time 02/07/2001. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to excused absences from school for search and
2 rescue activities; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.225 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.225
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that state-recognized search and rescue
7 activities, as defined in chapter 38.52 RCW and the rules interpreting
8 the chapter, are recognized as activities deserving of excuse from
9 school. Therefore, the legislature strongly encourages that excused
10 absences be granted to students for up to five days each year to
11 participate in search and rescue activities, subject to approval by the
12 student's parent and the principal of the student's school, and
13 provided that the activities do not cause a serious adverse effect upon
14 the student's educational progress.

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