

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5135

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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved May 20, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE
BILL 5135** as passed by the Senate
and the House of Representatives
on the dates hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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State of Washington **58th Legislature** **2003 Regular Session**

By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by
Senators Carlson, Kohl-Welles, West, Horn, Schmidt and Rossi)

READ FIRST TIME 03/10/03.

1 AN ACT Relating to increased tuition fees and fees for excess
2 credits taken at institutions of higher education; adding a new section
3 to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Each four-year institution of higher education and the state
8 board for community and technical colleges shall develop policies that
9 ensure undergraduate students enrolled in degree or certificate
10 programs complete their programs in a timely manner in order to make
11 the most efficient use of instructional resources and provide capacity
12 within the institution for additional students.

13 (2) Policies adopted under this section shall address, but not be
14 limited to, undergraduate students in the following circumstances:

15 (a) Students who accumulate more than one hundred twenty-five
16 percent of the number of credits required to complete their respective
17 baccalaureate or associate degree or certificate programs;

18 (b) Students who drop more than twenty-five percent of their course

1 load before the grading period for the quarter or semester, which
2 prevents efficient use of instructional resources; and

3 (c) Students who remain on academic probation for more than one
4 quarter or semester.

5 (3) Policies adopted under this section may include assessment by
6 the institution of a surcharge in addition to regular tuition and fees
7 to be paid by a student for continued enrollment.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Each public four-year institution of
9 higher education and the state board for community and technical
10 colleges shall report to the higher education coordinating board by
11 January 30, 2004, on the policies developed under section 1 of this
12 act. The report shall include baseline data on the number and
13 characteristics of students affected by the policies. If the policies
14 were adopted before the effective date of this section, the report
15 shall describe the impact of the policies.

16 (2) In the report, each four-year institution shall also describe
17 policies developed and actions taken by the institution to eliminate
18 barriers to timely completion of degree programs, including reducing
19 the occasions where students cannot enroll in courses needed for their
20 major due to overenrollment. The state board may select a sample of
21 colleges to describe policies and actions to address course scheduling
22 issues.

23 (3) The higher education coordinating board shall summarize the
24 reports from the institutions and the state board and make a report to
25 the higher education committees of the legislature by March 1, 2004.
26 The report prepared by the higher education coordinating board shall
27 include recommendations for additional legislative action, including
28 whether increased tuition and fees should be uniformly charged to
29 students as an additional incentive for timely completion of degree and
30 certificate programs.

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