
HOUSE BILL 2277

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1 AN ACT Relating to minimum admission standards for public four-year
2 institutions of higher education; and amending RCW 28B.76.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.290 and 1993 c 77 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The board shall coordinate educational activities among all
7 segments of higher education taking into account the educational
8 programs, facilities, and other resources of both public and
9 independent two and four-year colleges and universities. The four-year
10 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges
11 shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board
12 shall have the following additional responsibilities:

- 13 (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;
- 14 (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year
15 institutions, including a requirement that coursework in American sign
16 language or an American Indian language shall satisfy any requirement
17 for instruction in a language other than English that the board or the
18 institutions may establish as a general undergraduate admissions
19 requirement. Minimum admission standards established by the board

1 shall accommodate the nontraditional course schedules and integrated
2 academic and vocational curricula offered by career and technical
3 education and skills centers so that the standards are not a barrier to
4 admission for students enrolled in these programs;

5 (3) Establish transfer policies;

6 (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;

7 (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering
8 states and the province of British Columbia;

9 (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for
10 administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty
11 using comparative data from peer institutions;

12 (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all
13 relevant state policies for higher education;

14 (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or
15 between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the
16 request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request
17 of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The
18 decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the
19 dispute;

20 (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting,
21 analyzing, and distributing information;

22 (10) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove
23 any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus
24 activities; and

25 (11) Make recommendations to increase minority participation, and
26 monitor and report on the progress of minority participation in higher
27 education.

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