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1 AN ACT Relating to graduation rate improvements; and amending RCW
2 28B.10.693.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.693 and 1993 c 414 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Each institution of higher education as defined in RCW
7 28B.10.016 may enter into a student progression understanding with an
8 interested student. The terms of the understanding shall permit a
9 student to obtain a degree or certificate within the standard period of
10 time assumed for a full-time student pursuing that degree or
11 certificate. (~~Usually, the standard amount of time will be about two~~
12 ~~years for an associate of arts degree and about four years for a~~
13 ~~baccalaureate degree.~~) Student progression understandings shall not
14 give rise to any cause of action on behalf of any student as a result
15 of the failure of any state institution of higher education to fulfill
16 its obligations under the student progression understanding.

17 (2) A student who signs a progression understanding shall pay the
18 same tuition during his or her period of enrollment, under the

1 progression understanding, as he or she did for his or her initial
2 term. As used in this subsection and subsection (3) of this section,
3 "tuition" means "operating fees" as defined in RCW 28B.15.031.

4 (3) If the student does not obtain the degree or certificate within
5 the period of time established in the progression understanding, the
6 student must pay the difference in tuition increases, with interest.
7 If the student does not obtain the degree or certificate within the
8 period of time established in the progression understanding due to the
9 failure of the state institution of higher education to fulfill its
10 obligations, the payment requirement in this subsection does not apply.

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