

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1562**

Chapter 17, Laws of 2009

61st Legislature  
2009 Regular Session

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT--GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS--CERTIFICATE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/30/09

Passed by the House March 3, 2009  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 20, 2009  
Yeas 42 Nays 1

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 30, 2009, 3:41 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1562** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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March 31, 2009

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Liias, Priest, Quall, Sullivan, Kenney, Simpson, McCune, and Ormsby; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Read first time 01/23/09. Referred to Committee on Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to graduation without a certificate of academic  
2 achievement or a certificate of individual achievement; amending RCW  
3 28A.655.0611; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.655.0611 and 2007 c 354 s 4 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) Beginning with the graduating class of 2008 and through no  
8 later than the graduating class of 2012, students may graduate from  
9 high school without earning a certificate of academic achievement or a  
10 certificate of individual achievement if they:

11            (a) Have not successfully met the mathematics standard on the high  
12 school Washington assessment of student learning, an approved objective  
13 alternative assessment, or an alternate assessment developed for  
14 eligible special education students;

15            (b) Have successfully met the state standard in the other content  
16 areas required for a certificate under RCW 28A.655.061 or 28A.155.045;

17            (c) Have met all other state and school district graduation  
18 requirements; and

1 (d)(i) For the graduating class of 2008, successfully earn one  
2 (~~additional~~) high school mathematics credit or career and technical  
3 course equivalent, including courses offered at skill centers, after  
4 the student's eleventh grade year intended to increase the student's  
5 mathematics proficiency toward meeting or exceeding the mathematics  
6 standards assessed on the high school Washington assessment of student  
7 learning (~~and continue to take the appropriate mathematics assessment~~  
8 ~~at least once annually until graduation~~); and

9 (ii) For the remaining graduating classes under this section,  
10 successfully earn two (~~additional~~) mathematics credits or career and  
11 technical course equivalent, including courses offered at skill  
12 centers, after the student's tenth grade year intended to increase the  
13 student's mathematics proficiency toward meeting or exceeding the  
14 mathematics standards assessed on the high school Washington assessment  
15 of student learning (~~and continue to take the appropriate mathematics~~  
16 ~~assessment at least once annually until graduation~~).

17 (2) The state board of education may adopt a rule that ends the  
18 application of this section with a graduating class before the  
19 graduating class of 2012, if the state board of education adopts the  
20 rule by September 1st of the freshman school year of the graduating  
21 class to which the provisions of this section no longer apply. The  
22 state board of education's authority under this section does not alter  
23 the requirement that any change in performance standards for the tenth  
24 grade assessment must comply with RCW 28A.305.130.

25 (3) This section expires August 31, 2013.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
29 immediately.

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