CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1009

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STUDENT HEALTH PLANS—ABORTION

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Passed by the House February 23, 2021
Yeas 57  Nays 40

Laurie Jinkins
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 6, 2021
Yeas 29  Nays 19

Denny Heck
President of the Senate

Approved April 16, 2021 10:08 AM

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is HOUSE BILL 1009 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Bernard Dean
Chief Clerk

Filed April 16, 2021

Jay Inslee
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to student health plans; and amending RCW 48.43.073.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 48.43.073 and 2018 c 119 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, if a health plan issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019, provides coverage for maternity care or services, the health plan must also provide a covered person with substantially equivalent coverage to permit the abortion of a pregnancy. Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, if a student health plan, including student health plans deemed by the insurance commissioner to have a short-term limited purpose or duration or to be guaranteed renewable while the covered person is enrolled as a regular full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited higher education institution, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, provides coverage for maternity care or services, the health plan must also provide a covered person with substantially equivalent coverage to permit the abortion of a pregnancy.

(2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a health plan or student health plan subject to subsection (1) of this section...
may not limit in any way a person's access to services related to the abortion of a pregnancy.

(b)(i) Coverage for the abortion of a pregnancy may be subject to terms and conditions generally applicable to the health plan or student health plan's coverage of maternity care or services, including applicable cost sharing.

(ii) A health plan or student health plan is not required to cover abortions that would be unlawful under RCW 9.02.120.

(3) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to limit in any way an individual's constitutionally or statutorily protected right to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy.

(4) This section does not, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 18054(a)(6), apply to a multistate plan that does not provide coverage for the abortion of a pregnancy.

(5) If the application of this section to a health plan or student health plan results in noncompliance with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, this section is inapplicable to the plan to the minimum extent necessary for the state to be in compliance. The inapplicability of this section to a specific health plan or student health plan under this subsection does not affect the operation of this section in other circumstances.

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