SENATE BILL 5784

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By Senator Saling.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to penalties for underenrollment in institutions of
- 2 higher education and branch campuses; adding a new section to chapter
- 3 28B.10 RCW; and declaring an emergency.
- 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 state institution of higher education, and each branch
- 8 campus of a state institution specifically established in chapter
- 9 28B.45 RCW, that is appropriated or allocated state funds for the
- 10 purpose of providing educational services for a specific full-time
- 11 equivalent enrollment level, as authorized by the omnibus
- 12 appropriations act, is required to provide such services at the
- 13 specified full-time equivalent enrollment level within a margin of two
- 14 percent of the authorized level.

- 1 (2) If any state institution of higher education, or any
- 2 statutorily authorized branch campus of such state institution,
- 3 provides, in each academic year, educational services to a full-time
- 4 equivalent enrollment level that is more than two percent below the
- 5 amount authorized by the omnibus appropriations act, a portion of its
- 6 state funding allocation or appropriation shall revert, by July 1
- 7 following the academic year in question, to the state general fund in
- 8 an amount equal to the full average state-funded appropriation per
- 9 full-time equivalent enrollment that is below the two percent
- 10 limitation.
- 11 (3) The office of financial management shall monitor the state-
- 12 funded enrollment level of each state institution of higher education
- 13 and each branch campus of such institution to ensure compliance with
- 14 this section. The office of financial management may take action to
- 15 withhold appropriate portions of succeeding allotments of state funds
- 16 to an institution should it determine that any reversions of state
- 17 funds required under this section have not been made by the
- 18 institution.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
- 22 effect immediately.