

2 **SHB 1580** - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that, in public  
8 colleges and universities, improvement is needed in graduation rates  
9 and in the length of time required for students to attain their  
10 educational objectives. The legislature also finds that public  
11 colleges and universities should offer classes in a way that will  
12 permit full-time students to complete a degree or certificate program  
13 in about the amount of time described in the institution's catalog as  
14 necessary to complete that degree or certificate program.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By May 15, 1994, each state institution  
16 of higher education, as part of its strategic plan, shall adopt  
17 strategies designed to shorten the time required for students to  
18 complete a degree or certificate and to improve the graduation rate for  
19 all students.

20 (2) Beginning with the fall 1995-96 academic term, each institution  
21 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 shall implement the  
22 strategies described in subsection (1) of this section.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) By May 30, 1994, each public four-year  
24 institution of higher education shall forward to the higher education  
25 coordinating board for its review and comment, certain preliminary  
26 components of the institution's strategic plan. The components shall  
27 include strategies to improve student graduation rates and shorten the  
28 time needed for students to obtain a baccalaureate degree.

29 (2) By September 30, 1994, the state board for community and  
30 technical colleges will forward to the higher education coordinating  
31 board for its review and comment, a report on the strategies adopted by  
32 community and technical colleges to speed the progress of students  
33 towards their educational goals and to shorten the time needed for  
34 students to obtain a degree or certificate.

1 (3) By December 15, 1994, the higher education coordinating board  
2 shall report to the governor and the higher education committees of the  
3 house of representatives and senate on its review of strategies  
4 designed to improve graduation rates and shorten the time needed for  
5 students to obtain a degree or certificate. The report shall include  
6 an analysis of system-wide strategies and recommendations for any  
7 legislation necessary to assist institutions with the implementation of  
8 their plans.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Each institution of higher education as  
10 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may enter into a student progression  
11 understanding with an interested student. The terms of the  
12 understanding shall permit a student to obtain a degree or certificate  
13 within the standard period of time assumed for a full-time student  
14 pursuing that degree or certificate. Usually, the standard amount of  
15 time will be about two years for an associate of arts degree and about  
16 four years for a baccalaureate degree. Student progression  
17 understandings shall not give rise to any cause of action on behalf of  
18 any student as a result of the failure of any state institution of  
19 higher education to fulfill its obligations under the student  
20 progression understanding.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each  
22 added to chapter 28B.10 RCW."

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26 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education;" strike the  
27 remainder of the title and insert "and adding new sections to chapter  
28 28B.10 RCW."

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