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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Flemming, Carlson, Jacobsen, Veloria, Eide, J. Kohl, Kessler, Campbell, Dorn, Cothorn, Quall, Roland, L. Johnson, Lemmon and Ogden)

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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosures by institutions of higher education;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28C.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.85 RCW; and
4 adding a new section to chapter 18.16 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Each institution of higher education as defined in RCW
9 28B.10.016, and each higher education institution as defined in RCW
10 28B.07.020, that is in danger of losing institutional or program
11 accreditation because the institution has failed either to correct
12 deficiencies noted that require immediate corrective action or to meet
13 probationary standards imposed by its accrediting agency, shall, within
14 ten working days of notification of such failures by the accrediting
15 agency:

16 (a) Provide individual written notice of potential change in its
17 accreditation status to all effected full and part-time students
18 indicating: (i) The cause for and nature of the change in
19 accreditation status; (ii) the potential effect of such change on the

1 students' education and training program, if any; and (iii) options
2 available to students;

3 (b) Provide written notice of potential change in its accreditation
4 status to any inquiring or potential student; and

5 (c) Before enrolling any new student, obtain a signed statement
6 from the potential student acknowledging receipt of such notification.

7 (2) The governing board of each institution shall adopt rules to
8 implement this section.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.10 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) Each private vocational school, as defined in RCW 28C.10.020,
12 that is in danger of losing either its state license to operate or its
13 institutional or program accreditation because the institution has
14 failed either to correct deficiencies noted that required immediate
15 corrective action or to meet probationary standards imposed by its
16 accrediting or licensing agency, shall, within ten working days of
17 notification of such failures by the licensing agency or the
18 accrediting agency:

19 (a) Provide individual written notice of potential change in its
20 licensing or accreditation status to all effected full and part-time
21 students indicating: (i) The cause for and nature of the action taken
22 by the licensing or accrediting agency; (ii) the potential effect of
23 such adverse action on the students' education or training program, if
24 any; and (iii) options available to students;

25 (b) Provide written notice of potential change in its licensing or
26 accreditation status to any inquiring or potential student; and

27 (c) Before enrolling any new student, obtain a signed statement
28 from the potential student acknowledging receipt of such notification.

29 (2) The work force training and education coordinating board shall
30 adopt rules to implement this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.85 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 (1) Each degree-granting institution, as defined in RCW 28B.85.010,
34 that is in danger of losing either its authorization to operate or to
35 offer or grant degrees or its institutional or program accreditation
36 because the institution has failed either to correct deficiencies noted
37 that require immediate corrective action or to meet probationary

1 standards imposed by its accrediting or authorizing agency, shall,
2 within ten working days of notification of such failures by the
3 authorizing agency or its accrediting agency:

4 (a) Provide individual written notice of potential change in either
5 its authority to operate or to offer or grant degrees or in its
6 accreditation status to all effected full and part-time students
7 indicating: (i) The cause for and nature of the action taken by the
8 authorizing or accrediting agency; (ii) the potential effect of such
9 adverse action on the students' education or training program, if any;
10 and (iii) options available to students;

11 (b) Provide written notice of potential change in either its
12 authority to operate or to offer or grant degrees or in its
13 accreditation status to any inquiring or potential student; and

14 (c) Before enrolling any new student, obtain a signed statement
15 from the potential student acknowledging receipt of such notification.

16 (2) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules to
17 implement this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.16 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) Each school, as defined in RCW 18.16.020, that is in danger of
21 losing either its license to operate or its institutional or program
22 accreditation because the institution has failed either to correct
23 deficiencies noted that require immediate corrective action or to meet
24 probationary standards imposed by its accrediting or licensing agency,
25 shall, within ten working days of notification of such failures by the
26 licensing agency or the accrediting agency:

27 (a) Provide individual written notice of potential change in its
28 accreditation or licensing status to all effected full and part-time
29 students indicating: (i) The cause for and nature of the adverse
30 action taken by the licensing or accrediting agency; (ii) the potential
31 effect of such adverse action on the students' education or training
32 program, if any; and (iii) options available to students;

33 (b) Provide written notice of potential change in its accreditation
34 or licensing status to any inquiring or potential student; and

35 (c) Before enrolling any new student, obtain a signed statement
36 from the potential student acknowledging receipt of such notification.

1 (2) The department of licensing shall adopt rules to implement this
2 section.

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