

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5135**

58th Legislature  
2003 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,  
Secretary of the Senate of the  
State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE  
BILL 5135** as passed by the Senate  
and the House of Representatives  
on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by  
Senators Carlson, Kohl-Welles, West, Horn, Schmidt and Rossi)

READ FIRST TIME 03/10/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to increased tuition fees and fees for excess  
2 credits taken at institutions of higher education; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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 four-year institution of higher education and the state  
8 board for community and technical colleges shall develop policies that  
9 ensure undergraduate students enrolled in degree or certificate  
10 programs complete their programs in a timely manner in order to make  
11 the most efficient use of instructional resources and provide capacity  
12 within the institution for additional students.

13            (2) Policies adopted under this section shall address, but not be  
14 limited to, undergraduate students in the following circumstances:

15            (a) Students who accumulate more than one hundred twenty-five  
16 percent of the number of credits required to complete their respective  
17 baccalaureate or associate degree or certificate programs;

18            (b) Students who drop more than twenty-five percent of their course

1 load before the grading period for the quarter or semester, which  
2 prevents efficient use of instructional resources; and

3 (c) Students who remain on academic probation for more than one  
4 quarter or semester.

5 (3) Policies adopted under this section may include assessment by  
6 the institution of a surcharge in addition to regular tuition and fees  
7 to be paid by a student for continued enrollment.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Each public four-year institution of  
9 higher education and the state board for community and technical  
10 colleges shall report to the higher education coordinating board by  
11 January 30, 2004, on the policies developed under section 1 of this  
12 act. The report shall include baseline data on the number and  
13 characteristics of students affected by the policies. If the policies  
14 were adopted before the effective date of this section, the report  
15 shall describe the impact of the policies.

16 (2) In the report, each four-year institution shall also describe  
17 policies developed and actions taken by the institution to eliminate  
18 barriers to timely completion of degree programs, including reducing  
19 the occasions where students cannot enroll in courses needed for their  
20 major due to overenrollment. The state board may select a sample of  
21 colleges to describe policies and actions to address course scheduling  
22 issues.

23 (3) The higher education coordinating board shall summarize the  
24 reports from the institutions and the state board and make a report to  
25 the higher education committees of the legislature by March 1, 2004.  
26 The report prepared by the higher education coordinating board shall  
27 include recommendations for additional legislative action, including  
28 whether increased tuition and fees should be uniformly charged to  
29 students as an additional incentive for timely completion of degree and  
30 certificate programs.

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