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By Representatives Mastin and Carlson; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to student consumer protection; and amending RCW
2 28B.85.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.85.040 and 1994 c 38 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An institution or person shall not advertise, offer, sell, or
7 award a degree or any other type of educational credential unless the
8 student has enrolled in and successfully completed a prescribed program
9 of study, as outlined in the institution's publications. This
10 prohibition shall not apply to honorary credentials clearly designated
11 as such on the front side of the diploma or certificate and awarded by
12 institutions offering other educational credentials in compliance with
13 state law.

14 (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, this
15 chapter shall not apply to:

16 (a) Any public college, university, community college, technical
17 college, or institute operating as part of the public higher
18 educational system of this state((~~-~~));

1 (b) Institutions that have been accredited by an accrediting
2 association recognized by the agency for the purposes of this
3 chapter(~~(, provided)~~): PROVIDED, That those institutions meet minimum
4 exemption standards adopted by the agency; and PROVIDED FURTHER, That
5 an institution, branch, extension, or facility operating within the
6 state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating
7 in another state must be a separately accredited member institution of
8 any such accrediting association to qualify for this exemption(~~(-)~~);

9 (c) Institutions of a religious character, but only as to those
10 education programs devoted exclusively to religious or theological
11 objectives if the programs are represented in an accurate manner in
12 institutional catalogs and other official publications(~~(-)~~); or

13 (d) Institutions not otherwise exempt which offer only workshops or
14 seminars lasting no longer than three calendar days and for which
15 academic credit is not awarded.

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