
HOUSE BILL 2436

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By Representatives Haler and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring quarterly academic advising for
2 students at institutions of higher education; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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) By September 1, 2012, and within allocated resources,
8 institutions of higher education shall require students to meet with an
9 academic advisor at least once per quarter for the purpose of assisting
10 each student to articulate the student's educational program goals,
11 identify program requirements, track the student's progress, and
12 promote completion of the student's degree or certificate.

13 (2) In order to increase program completions, each student must
14 meet with an academic advisor when the student has completed seventy-
15 five percent of the requirements needed to obtain his or her degree or
16 certificate and identify those requirements remaining to be completed.

17 (3) Academic advising meetings may take place either in person or
18 through digital synchronous contact such as on the phone or using a
19 real time web application.

1 (4) Institutions of higher education shall require academic
2 advisors and students to sign a form that outlines the student's
3 educational goals and progress towards program completion.

4 (5) When possible, institutions of higher education are encouraged
5 to implement methods and tools to improve advising, including
6 applications used by award-winning schools such as an online student
7 advisor data portal that houses educational plans, maps student
8 transcripts against program requirements, provides early warning flags
9 for poor performance or attendance, and determines proximity to
10 completion.

11 (6) The successor agency to the higher education coordinating board
12 shall consult with the state board for community and technical colleges
13 and the four-year institutions of higher education to evaluate student
14 advising practices and impact on student retention and completion and
15 report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2014.

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