
HOUSE BILL 1683

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing recognition of institutions of
2 postsecondary study in order to retain federal financial aid
3 eligibility; adding a new section to chapter 18.16 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
7 maintain and expand access to postsecondary education and improve
8 opportunities for students. The legislature recognizes that access to
9 federal financial aid is a major avenue for overcoming financial
10 barriers to higher education for many students in Washington. The
11 legislature recognizes that recent federal changes in federal
12 regulations require the adjustment of definitions of certain
13 postsecondary institutions in state statutes to ensure that those
14 schools that currently meet the requirements are eligible for student
15 financial aid programs provided by the federal government.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.16 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 Schools shall be recognized as institutions of postsecondary study
2 under the following conditions:

3 (1) The school admits as regular students only those individuals
4 who have earned a recognized high school diploma or the equivalent of
5 a recognized high school diploma, or who are beyond the age of
6 compulsory education as provided in RCW 28A.225.010; and

7 (2) The school is licensed by name by the department under this
8 chapter to offer one or more training programs beyond the secondary
9 level.

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