
HOUSE BILL 2617

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By Representatives Santos and Harris; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

1 AN ACT Relating to granting of high school diplomas by community
2 or technical colleges; and amending RCW 28B.50.535.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.535 and 2017 c 93 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 A community or technical college may issue a high school diploma
7 or certificate as provided under this section. A student who is
8 issued a high school diploma under this section may be counted in the
9 school district's graduation rate if the student is funded and
10 enrolled in a public K-12 school. If a student is not funded and
11 enrolled in a public K-12 school he or she may not be included in the
12 school district's graduation rate.

13 (1) An individual who satisfactorily meets the requirements for
14 high school completion shall be awarded a diploma from the college,
15 subject to rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction
16 and the state board of education.

17 (2) An individual enrolled through the option established under
18 RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.400 who satisfactorily completes an
19 associate degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of
20 science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in

1 applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college
2 upon written request from the student.

3 (3) An individual enrolled in a statewide dropout reengagement
4 program established through RCW 28A.175.100 who satisfactorily
5 completes an associate degree, including an associate of arts degree,
6 associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or
7 associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from
8 the college upon written request from the student.

9 (4) An individual who is sixteen to twenty-one years of age and
10 not enrolled in a publicly funded K-12 program, who satisfactorily
11 completes an associate degree, including an associate of arts degree,
12 associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or
13 associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from
14 the college upon written request from the student.

15 (5) An individual, twenty-one years or older, who enrolls in a
16 community or technical college for the purpose of obtaining an
17 associate degree and who satisfactorily completes an associate
18 degree, including an associate of arts degree, associate of science
19 degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in applied
20 science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon
21 written request from the student. Individuals under this subsection
22 are not eligible for funding provided under chapter 28A.150 RCW.

23 ~~((4))~~ (6) An individual who enrolls in a technical college
24 through the option established under RCW 28B.50.533, who
25 satisfactorily completes an associate degree, including an associate
26 of arts degree, associate of science degree, associate of technology
27 degree, or associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a
28 diploma from the college upon written request from the student.

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