

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2626

Chapter 209, Laws of 2014

(partial veto)

63rd Legislature
2014 Regular Session

EDUCATION--ATTAINMENT GOALS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/12/14

Passed by the House March 11, 2014
Yeas 96 Nays 2

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2014
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved April 3, 2014, 11:16 a.m., with
the exception of Section 1, which is
vetoed.

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of
the House of Representatives of
the State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL
2626** as passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

FILED

April 4, 2014

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2626

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2014 Regular Session

State of Washington 63rd Legislature 2014 Regular Session

By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives
Seaquist, Haler, Reykdal, Gregerson, Pollet, and Moscoso)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing statewide educational attainment
2 goals; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 ****NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that increasing***
5 ***educational attainment is vital to the well-being of Washingtonians and***
6 ***critical to the health of the state's economy. Education opens doors***
7 ***to gainful employment, higher wages, increased job benefits, improved***
8 ***physical health, and increased civic engagement. Educated workers who***
9 ***are capable of competing for high-demand jobs in today's global economy***
10 ***sustain existing employers and attract new businesses. These***
11 ***individuals with competitive higher education credentials directly***
12 ***contribute to the state's economic growth and vitality.***

13 ***(2) The legislature finds that workforce and labor market***
14 ***projections estimate that by 2020 the vast majority of jobs in***
15 ***Washington will require at least a high school diploma or equivalent***
16 ***and seventy percent of those jobs will also require some postsecondary***
17 ***education.***

18 ***(3) The legislature finds that current levels of educational***
19 ***attainment are inadequate to address the educational needs of the***

1 *state. In 2013, eighty-nine percent of Washington adults ages twenty-*
2 *five to forty-four had a high school diploma or equivalent, and less*
3 *than fifty percent of Washington adults ages twenty-five to forty-four*
4 *have a postsecondary credential.*

5 *(4) The legislature recognizes that one of the most important*
6 *duties of the student achievement council is to propose educational*
7 *attainment goals to the governor and legislature and develop a ten-year*
8 *roadmap to achieve those goals, to be updated every two years.*

**Sec. 1 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Acknowledging the recommendations in the
10 higher education ten-year roadmap, the legislature is encouraged by the
11 student achievement council's efforts to meet the following two goals
12 in order to meet the societal and economic needs of the future:

13 (1) All adults in Washington ages twenty-five to forty-four will
14 have a high school diploma or equivalent by 2023; and

15 (2) At least seventy percent of Washington adults ages twenty-five
16 to forty-four will have a postsecondary credential by 2023.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2016.

Passed by the House March 11, 2014.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2014.

Approved by the Governor April 3, 2014, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 4, 2014.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 1,
Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2626 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to establishing statewide educational attainment
goals."

With this legislation we are taking the important step of adopting
post-secondary attainment goals for all Washingtonians.

Section 1 is an intent section that discusses the labor market and
attainment statistics and is not necessary to interpret or implement
the substantive provisions of the bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 1 of Engrossed Substitute
House Bill No. 2626.

With the exception of Section 1, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No.
2626 is approved."