



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Student Achievement Council

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 15-16-021 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
- Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

WAC 250-61 Degree Granting Institutions Act rules.

Hearing location(s):

Washington Student Achievement Council
917 Lakeridge Way SW
Olympia, WA 98502

Date: March 24, 2017 Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Submit written comments to:

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fax (855) 265-0066 by (date) March 23, 2017

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Kristin Ritter by March 17, 2017

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Date of intended adoption: March 31, 2017

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

To strengthen consumer protection as it relates to degree-granting schools operating under the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act (chapter 28B.85 RCW).

- Authorization standards – adds reporting requirements on any adverse action within 30 days
- More clearly defines experiential learning
- Disability accommodations – institutions may consider assessments from attendance at prior institutions
- Strengthens student transcript requirements – must be maintained at a secure off-site facility
- Adds a required new statement of transferability of credits earned to be placed in school catalog
- Increases surety bond from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for each proposed Washington site with administrative capability
- Maintains surety bond requirement for field placements at \$25,000
- Adds new school closure requirements that includes a teach-out plan, requested number of enrolled students, among others for degree-granting institutions authorized in Washington
- Adds increased detail of student complaint process and resolution
- Adds new language to the suspension and withdrawal requirements
- Adds NEW SECTION for institutions deemed “at-risk” by the Council

Reasons supporting proposal: Strengthen rules in consumer protection for students attending authorized degree-granting institutions in Washington.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 28B.76.120 & RCW 28B.85.020

Statute being implemented: RCW 28B.85.020 (1) (c) (d)

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
 - Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 - State Court Decision? Yes No
- If yes, CITATION: Yes No

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NAME (type or print)
Dr. Randy Spaulding, Director of Academic Affairs and Policy

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TITLE Director of Academic Affairs and Policy

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization)

Washington Student Achievement Council

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The primary impact will be on existing in-state and out-of-state degree-granting institutions.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

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No: Please explain: There are no costs associated with implementations of the revised rules.