

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1856**

57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 9, 2002  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 5, 2002  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1856** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Morell, O'Brien, Talcott, Miloscia, Quall, Carrell,  
Rockefeller, Bush, Cox, Pflug, Pearson and Woods

Read first time 02/07/2001. Referred to Committee on Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to excused absences from school for search and  
2 rescue activities; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.225 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.225  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            The legislature finds that state-recognized search and rescue  
7 activities, as defined in chapter 38.52 RCW and the rules interpreting  
8 the chapter, are recognized as activities deserving of excuse from  
9 school. Therefore, the legislature strongly encourages that excused  
10 absences be granted to students for up to five days each year to  
11 participate in search and rescue activities, subject to approval by the  
12 student's parent and the principal of the student's school, and  
13 provided that the activities do not cause a serious adverse effect upon  
14 the student's educational progress.

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