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1 AN ACT Relating to the work force training and education  
2 coordinating board; and amending RCW 28C.18.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28C.18.020 and 1991 c 238 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created the work force training and education  
7 coordinating board as a state agency and as the successor agency to the  
8 state board for vocational education. Once the coordinating board has  
9 convened, all references to the state board for vocational education in  
10 the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the work  
11 force training and education coordinating board, except that reference  
12 to the state board for vocational education in RCW 49.04.030 shall mean  
13 the state board for community and technical colleges.

14 (2)(a) The board shall consist of (~~nine~~) ten voting members  
15 appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, as follows:  
16 Three representatives of business, three representatives of labor, one  
17 representative of private career schools, and, serving as ex officio  
18 members, the superintendent of public instruction, the executive  
19 director of the state board for community and technical colleges, and

1 the commissioner of the employment security department. The chair of  
2 the board shall be a nonvoting member selected by the governor with the  
3 consent of the senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.  
4 In selecting the chair, the governor shall seek a person who  
5 understands the future economic needs of the state and nation and the  
6 role that the state's training system has in meeting those needs. Each  
7 voting member of the board may appoint a designee to function in his or  
8 her place with the right to vote. In making appointments to the board,  
9 the governor shall seek to ensure geographic, ethnic, and gender  
10 diversity and balance. The governor shall also seek to ensure  
11 diversity and balance by the appointment of persons with disabilities.

12 (b) The business representatives shall be selected from among  
13 nominations provided by a state-wide business organization representing  
14 a cross-section of industries. However, the governor may request, and  
15 the organization shall provide, an additional list or lists from which  
16 the governor shall select the business representatives. The  
17 nominations and selections shall reflect the cultural diversity of the  
18 state, including women, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic  
19 minorities, and diversity in sizes of businesses.

20 (c) The labor representatives shall be selected from among  
21 nominations provided by state-wide labor organizations. However, the  
22 governor may request, and the organizations shall provide, an  
23 additional list or lists from which the governor shall select the labor  
24 representatives. The nominations and selections shall reflect the  
25 cultural diversity of the state, including women, people with  
26 disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities.

27 (d) Each business member may cast a proxy vote or votes for any  
28 business member who is not present and who authorizes in writing the  
29 present member to cast such vote.

30 (e) Each labor member may cast a proxy vote for any labor member  
31 who is not present and who authorizes in writing the present member to  
32 cast such vote.

33 (f) The member representing private career schools shall serve a  
34 four-year term, the term expiring on June 30th of the fourth year of  
35 the term. When selecting the member representing private career  
36 schools, the governor shall consult state-wide organizations  
37 representing private career schools.

38 (g) The chair shall appoint to the board one nonvoting member to  
39 represent racial and ethnic minorities, women, and people with

1 disabilities. The nonvoting member appointed by the chair shall serve  
2 for a term of four years with the term expiring on June 30th of the  
3 fourth year of the term.

4 ~~((g))~~ (h) The business members of the board shall serve for terms  
5 of four years, the terms expiring on June 30th of the fourth year of  
6 the term except that in the case of initial members, one shall be  
7 appointed to a two-year term and one appointed to a three-year term.

8 ~~((h))~~ (i) The labor members of the board shall serve for terms of  
9 four years, the terms expiring on June 30th of the fourth year of the  
10 term except that in the case of initial members, one shall be appointed  
11 to a two-year term and one appointed to a three-year term.

12 ~~((i))~~ (j) Any vacancies among board members representing business  
13 or labor shall be filled by the governor with nominations provided by  
14 state-wide organizations representing business or labor, respectively.

15 ~~((j))~~ (k) The board shall adopt bylaws and shall meet at least  
16 bimonthly and at such other times as determined by the chair who shall  
17 give reasonable prior notice to the members or at the request of a  
18 majority of the voting members.

19 ~~((k))~~ (l) Members of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
20 with RCW 43.03.040 and shall receive travel expenses in accordance with  
21 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 ~~((l))~~ (m) The board shall be formed and ready to assume its  
23 responsibilities under this chapter by October 1, 1991.

24 ~~((m))~~ (n) The director of the board shall be appointed by the  
25 governor from a list of three names submitted by a committee made up of  
26 the business and labor members of the board. However, the governor may  
27 request, and the committee shall provide, an additional list or lists  
28 from which the governor shall select the director. The lists compiled  
29 by the committee shall not be subject to public disclosure. The  
30 governor may dismiss the director only with the approval of a majority  
31 vote of the board. The board, by a majority vote, may dismiss the  
32 director with the approval of the governor.

33 (3) The state board for vocational education is hereby abolished  
34 and its powers, duties, and functions are hereby transferred to the  
35 work force training and education coordinating board. All references  
36 to the director or the state board for vocational education in the

1 Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director or  
2 the work force training and education coordinating board.

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