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1            AN ACT Relating to forecasting the caseloads of the state need  
2 grant program and the Washington college bound scholarship program;  
3 amending RCW 43.88C.010; adding a new section to chapter 28B.92 RCW;  
4 and adding a new section to chapter 28B.118 RCW.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated  
9 caseload of the state need grant program and shall submit this forecast  
10 as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.118  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13           The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated  
14 caseload of the Washington college bound scholarship program and shall  
15 submit this forecast as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

16           **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2000 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

1 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council  
2 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four  
3 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the  
4 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of  
5 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among  
6 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers  
7 as the members deem necessary.

8 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to  
9 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this  
10 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

11 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the  
12 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
13 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each  
14 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
15 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
16 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
17 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of  
18 this section.

19 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of  
20 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
21 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
22 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
23 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
24 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by  
25 the council.

26 (5) A council member who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
27 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
28 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions  
29 specified by the member.

30 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
31 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
32 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council  
33 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative  
34 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
35 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

36 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

37 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement requirements  
38 and require the services of public assistance programs, state

1 correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional  
2 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common  
3 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and  
4 adoption support;

5 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the state need  
6 grant program and are expected to attend an institution of higher  
7 education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; and

8 (c) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
9 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an  
10 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

11 (8) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions  
12 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

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