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1 AN ACT Relating to additional enrollments at institutions of higher
2 education; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act shall be known as the higher
6 education opportunity act of 1991.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state of Washington has historically
8 given high priority to the higher education needs of its citizens. As
9 we move to the twenty-first century and to the more competitive world
10 economy that it brings, it is imperative that we provide access to all
11 of the types of higher education that are needed by the citizens of
12 Washington. Washington has developed one of the finest community
13 college systems in the country. The higher education coordinating
14 board has determined that there is a need in this state for increased

1 participation at the upper-division and graduate levels and that
2 baccalaureate and graduate degrees need to be earned at an increased
3 rate for our citizens to maintain competitiveness in the world economy.
4 There is also a need to increase the opportunity for citizens to learn
5 entry-level skills and trades resulting in their ability to become
6 productive individuals in our society and not depend on the state for
7 subsistence grants.

8 It is the intent of this act to modify the present enrollment lids
9 which limit the size of the student population on the public higher
10 education campuses in the state. This act will be the first step
11 toward meeting the educational needs of our citizens in the 1990's. It
12 is further the intent of this act to endorse the long-term enrollment
13 goals established by the higher education coordinating board. This act
14 moves toward achieving the goals of a participation rate equal to the
15 70th percentile of national participation rates for upper-division and
16 graduate students and a participation rate equal to the 90th percentile
17 of national participation rates for all students.

18 The legislature finds that the present enrollment lids at the
19 public institutions are artificially set and that an increase in the
20 number of full-time equivalent enrollments on the campuses can be
21 accomplished without additional capital construction. The legislature
22 further finds that at many of our state institutions of higher
23 education there is the physical capacity available to accept new
24 students, and there is also a desire among the institutions to accept
25 new enrollments in the coming biennium. It is the intent of this act
26 to remain sensitive to the capability and capacity of each institution
27 to accept additional enrollments.

28 It is not the intent of this act to emphasize access to the
29 detriment of quality in the educational programs of our institutions.
30 Therefore, it is the intent of this act to provide a funding level for

1 additional enrollments that is based on the 1990 higher education
2 coordinating board cost study and will include both the direct and
3 indirect costs associated with additional student enrollments. It is
4 the intent of this act to begin the process of affording a place in the
5 higher education system for all citizens of Washington who are
6 qualified for and desirous of earning a college degree, and to assure
7 that the quality of those degrees are not jeopardized by inadequate
8 funding levels.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The new enrollments authorized in
10 sections 4 through 10 of this act are additional state-funded
11 enrollments at our state institutions of higher education above the
12 level established for each institution during the 1989-91 biennium:
13 PROVIDED, That should the level of funding for enrollment increases, in
14 the omnibus appropriations act or in Senate Bill 5814, be insufficient
15 to provide for the full level of enrollment increases set forth in
16 sections 4 through 10 of this act the enrollment increases set forth in
17 those sections shall be reduced proportionate to the actual level of
18 funding provided in either of the aforementioned acts.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
20 of this act, the state-funded enrollment level at the University of
21 Washington shall be increased by two hundred forty-five full-time
22 equivalent students during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
23 three hundred ninety-eight full-time equivalent students during the
24 1992-93 fiscal year. The new enrollments authorized in this section
25 are subject to the following distribution:

26 (1) The enrollment level at the Tacoma branch campus shall be
27 increased by one hundred seventeen full-time equivalent upper-division
28 and graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an

1 additional one hundred ninety-nine full-time equivalent upper-division
2 and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

3 (2) The enrollment level at the Bothell/Woodinville branch campus
4 shall be increased by eighty-eight full-time equivalent upper-division
5 and graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an
6 additional one hundred sixty-four full-time equivalent upper-division
7 and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

8 (3) The enrollment level in the evening program shall be increased
9 by forty full-time equivalent upper-division and graduate enrollments
10 during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional thirty-five full-time
11 equivalent upper-division and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93
12 fiscal year.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
14 of this act, the state-funded enrollment level at Washington State
15 University shall be increased by four hundred seventy-four full-time
16 equivalent students during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
17 seven hundred eighty-five full-time equivalent students during the
18 1992-93 fiscal year. The new enrollments authorized in this section
19 are subject to the following distribution:

20 (1) The enrollment level at the Pullman campus shall be increased
21 by one hundred seventy-five full-time equivalent upper-division and
22 seventy-five full-time equivalent graduate enrollments during the 1991-
23 92 fiscal year plus an additional one hundred seventy-five full-time
24 equivalent upper-division and seventy-five full-time equivalent
25 graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

26 (2) The enrollment level at the southwest Washington branch campus
27 shall be increased by one hundred twenty full-time equivalent upper-
28 division and graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus

1 an additional two hundred eighty full-time equivalent upper-division
2 and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

3 (3) The enrollment level at the Spokane branch campus shall be
4 increased by thirty-nine full-time equivalent upper-division and
5 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
6 eighty full-time equivalent upper-division and graduate enrollments
7 during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

8 (4) The enrollment level at the Tri-Cities branch campus shall be
9 increased by sixty-five full-time equivalent upper-division and
10 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
11 one hundred seventy-five full-time equivalent upper-division and
12 graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
14 of this act, the state-funded enrollment level at Central Washington
15 University shall be increased by two hundred fifty full-time equivalent
16 upper-division and fifty full-time equivalent graduate enrollments
17 during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional two hundred full-time
18 equivalent upper-division and fifty full-time equivalent graduate
19 enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
21 of this act, the state-funded enrollment level at Eastern Washington
22 University shall be increased by one hundred fifty full-time equivalent
23 upper-division and fifty full-time equivalent graduate enrollments
24 during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional one hundred fifty
25 full-time equivalent upper-division and fifty full-time equivalent
26 graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
2 of this act, the state-funded enrollment level at The Evergreen State
3 College shall be increased by forty-five full-time equivalent upper-
4 division and five full-time equivalent graduate enrollments during the
5 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional forty-five full-time equivalent
6 upper-division and five full-time equivalent graduate enrollments
7 during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
9 of this act, the state-funded enrollment level at Western Washington
10 University shall be increased by one hundred twenty full-time
11 equivalent upper-division and eighty full-time equivalent graduate
12 enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional two
13 hundred twenty full-time equivalent upper-division and eighty full-time
14 equivalent graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Subject to the provisions of section 3
16 of this act, the state-funded enrollment in the state community college
17 system shall be increased by three thousand five hundred full-time
18 equivalent enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an
19 additional three thousand five hundred full-time equivalent enrollments
20 during the 1992-93 fiscal year. These new enrollments shall be
21 distributed throughout the system by the state board for community
22 college education consistent with legislative intent.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
26 effect July 1, 1991.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** If specific funding for the purposes of
2 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
3 30, 1991, through the passage of Senate Bill 5814 or in the omnibus
4 appropriations act, this act shall be null and void.