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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding new sections to chapter
2 28B.10 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 28B.15.515; providing
3 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is
6 increasing need for postsecondary educational opportunities for the
7 citizens of the state Washington. The legislature also finds that in
8 the past twelve years postsecondary educational opportunities have been
9 severely restricted by state budget policy. The proportion of the
10 state budget dedicated to postsecondary education programs has
11 continued to decrease and, subsequently, the opportunity for this
12 state's citizens to participate in such programs has also declined. At
13 the same time, major technological, economic, environmental, and
14 demographic changes have exacerbated the need for improved training and
15 education to maintain a high-quality, competitive work force, and a
16 well-educated populace to meet the challenges of the twenty-first
17 century. The legislature finds that this state has not fulfilled its
18 responsibility to provide sufficient opportunity, commensurate with the
19 dramatic growth in this state's population, for its citizens to engage

1 in the postsecondary educational programs that are necessary for their
2 personal and professional improvement and this state's economic
3 vitality.

4 Therefore, the legislature declares that the policy of the state of
5 Washington shall be to improve the access to, and quality of, this
6 state's postsecondary educational system. The budgetary policy of the
7 state of Washington shall be to provide a level of protection and
8 commitment to the state's postsecondary educational system commensurate
9 with the responsibility of this state to meet the need for educational
10 and professional improvement of its citizens and work force.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is the policy of the state of Washington
12 that funding for the state institutions of higher education, provided
13 in the omnibus appropriations act, as submitted by the governor, shall
14 ensure adequate resources to maintain a state-funded full-time
15 equivalent participation rate at a minimum of the participation rate
16 funded in the last fiscal year of the previous biennium beginning with
17 the 1993 fiscal year. The participation rate shall be based on the
18 state's estimated population between the ages of seventeen and forty-
19 four.

20 The funding level per full-time equivalent enrollment established
21 for this minimum number of full-time equivalent students shall, each
22 biennium, be equal to the rate assumed in the omnibus appropriations
23 act for the last fiscal year of the previous biennium plus an inflation
24 factor for, at a minimum, the instruction, primary support, and library
25 support budget categories that is equivalent to the inflation factor
26 used to calculate basic education in the common school system budget
27 request submitted by the governor.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In addition to the minimum participation
29 rate established in section 2 of this act, it is the policy of the
30 state of Washington to achieve the goal of reaching the ninetieth
31 percentile in national participation rates system-wide, except the
32 technical colleges, by the year 2010. This shall be accomplished by
33 increasing enrollments through gubernatorial request, in addition to
34 any increases required by section 2 of this act, in regular increments
35 each biennium in order to remain on target to achieve this goal by the
36 end of 2009-11 biennium. Pursuant to section 4 of this act, the higher
37 education coordinating board shall regularly calculate the additional

1 enrollments necessary each biennium to achieve the purposes of this
2 section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Formal estimates of the state participation
4 rates necessary to fulfill the requirements of sections 2 and 3 of this
5 act shall be determined by the higher education coordinating board, in
6 conjunction with the office of financial management, based upon state
7 population statistics provided by the office of financial management.
8 Estimates of additional or increased full-time equivalent enrollments
9 required by sections 2 and 3 of this act for each succeeding budget
10 period shall be reported by the higher education coordinating board to
11 the office of financial management and the legislature by April 1st of
12 each even-numbered year. As a part of this report, the higher
13 education coordinating board shall provide separate estimates of the
14 additional enrollments necessary each biennium to remain on target to
15 achieve the enrollment goal established in section 3 of this act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** It is the policy of the state of Washington
17 that the state institutions of higher education have full authority to
18 use innovative approaches to increase the enrollment level of their
19 institutions. The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act are used
20 to calculate a minimum state-funded enrollment level, however, each
21 institution has the authority and flexibility to increase the actual
22 enrollment from this minimum that it will maintain during any fiscal
23 year. The level of state-funded enrollment that is adopted under
24 sections 2 and 3 of this act is not an enrollment limit or restriction
25 upon an institution of higher education. The state institutions of
26 higher education are encouraged to deploy or redeploy their existing
27 resources to increase access to their institutions if it does not
28 result in a reduction in direct instructional services to students.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** It is the policy of the state of Washington
30 that financial need not be a barrier to participation in the higher
31 education system. Funding for student financial aid in each biennial
32 budget submitted by the governor shall, at a minimum, be equal to the
33 amount provided in the previous biennium adjusted for increases in the
34 state-funded full-time equivalent enrollment level pursuant to sections
35 2 and 3 of this act and increases in the cost of attendance as
36 calculated by the higher education coordinating board. The higher

1 education coordinating board shall provide these calculations to the
2 office of financial management and the legislature by April 1st of each
3 even-numbered year.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.15.515 and 1991 c 353 s 1 are each
5 repealed.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act are each
7 added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
11 effect July 1, 1993.

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