
SENATE BILL 6491

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership on the work force training and
2 education 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~~)) twelve voting members
15 appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, as follows:
16 ((~~Three~~)) Four representatives of business, ((~~three~~)) four
17 representatives of labor, and, serving as ex officio members, the
18 superintendent of public instruction, the executive director of the
19 state board for community and technical colleges, the director of the

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

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

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

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

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

34 (f) The chair shall appoint to the board one nonvoting member to
35 represent racial and ethnic minorities, women, and people with
36 disabilities. The nonvoting member appointed by the chair shall serve
37 for a term of four years with the term expiring on June 30th of the
38 fourth year of the term.

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

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

9 (i) Any vacancies among board members representing business or
10 labor shall be filled by the governor with nominations provided by
11 state-wide organizations representing business or labor, respectively.

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

16 (k) Members of the board shall be compensated in accordance with
17 RCW 43.03.040 and shall receive travel expenses in accordance with RCW
18 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

19 (l) The board shall be formed and ready to assume its
20 responsibilities under this chapter by October 1, 1991.

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

30 (3) The state board for vocational education is hereby abolished
31 and its powers, duties, and functions are hereby transferred to the
32 work force training and education coordinating board. All references
33 to the director or the state board for vocational education in the
34 Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director or
35 the work force training and education coordinating board.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
37 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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