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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1729

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1 AN ACT Relating to a teacher training pilot program; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an  
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** There is a need for a coordinated program of  
6 teacher training that will involve high schools, community colleges,  
7 and four-year institutions of higher education in a collaborative,  
8 seamless approach to developing teachers for the kindergarten through  
9 twelfth grade system. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature  
10 that an innovative pilot project be established for teacher training  
11 and attracting teacher candidates. Furthermore, the legislature  
12 intends to establish a pilot program by creating a competitive grant  
13 program to assist educational institutions in developing teacher  
14 training programs.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The higher education coordinating board,  
16 in consultation with the state board of education has the following  
17 powers and duties in administering the pilot program established in  
18 section 3 of this act:

1 (a) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

2 (b) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the  
3 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall  
4 include individuals with significant experience in higher education in  
5 areas relevant to one or more of the funding period priorities and  
6 shall include representatives from elementary, two-year, and four-year  
7 sectors of education;

8 (c) To award grants no later than September 1st in those years when  
9 funding is available by June 30th;

10 (d) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting  
11 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.  
12 During the 1999-2001 biennium, the guidelines shall be consistent with  
13 the following desired outcomes of:

14 (i) Designing a college-level course for enrollment of selected  
15 high school seniors interested in teaching careers and students  
16 enrolled in a school-based future teachers academy;

17 (ii) Designing discipline-based lower division courses that are  
18 thematically linked to state student learning goals, essential academic  
19 learning requirements, and upper division courses in the  
20 interdisciplinary arts and science curriculum and supportive of  
21 teaching areas appropriate for prospective teachers;

22 (iii) Designing a preprofessional educational studies minor that  
23 would be pursued by prospective kindergarten through eighth grade  
24 teachers in conjunction with an interdisciplinary arts and science  
25 major;

26 (iv) Designing mentoring and service learning activities at the  
27 community college level that would provide prospective teachers with an  
28 orientation to professional education; and

29 (v) Designing a process for satisfying certification requirements  
30 that encompasses pedagogical coursework and school-based internships  
31 cognizant of the financial constraints of working students.

32 (2) The pilot project in this section shall conclude no later than  
33 January 1, 2005.

34 (3) Beginning on December 31, 2001, the higher education  
35 coordinating board shall submit an annual written report to the  
36 education and higher education committees of the legislature, the state  
37 board of education, and the office of the superintendent of public  
38 instruction on the status of the pilot project.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The Washington teacher training pilot  
2 program is established. The higher education coordinating board shall  
3 administer the program. Through this program the board may award, on  
4 a competitive basis, grants to public institutions of higher education  
5 or consortia of institutions to encourage high quality and effective  
6 teacher training programs. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period.  
7 Strong priority shall be given to proposals that involve shared  
8 facilities, shared resources, and cocurricular planning to establish  
9 the teacher training program, and to proposals that involve  
10 participants from the interdisciplinary arts and science curriculum and  
11 professional education faculty as well as classroom teachers from  
12 school districts. Institutions of higher education are encouraged to  
13 solicit nonstate funds to support this coordinated approach to teacher  
14 training.

15        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The higher education coordinating board may  
16 solicit and receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or  
17 private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or  
18 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the program and  
19 may expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of  
20 the gifts, grants, or endowments.

21        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The higher education coordinating board  
22 teacher training pilot account is established in the custody of the  
23 state treasurer. The higher education coordinating board shall deposit  
24 in the account all moneys received under section 4 of this act. Moneys  
25 in the account may be spent only for the purposes of section 3 of this  
26 act. Disbursements from the account shall be on the authorization of  
27 the higher education coordinating board. The account is subject to the  
28 allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
29 appropriation is required for disbursements.

30        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    If specific funding for the purposes of this  
31 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
32 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
33 void.

34        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each  
35 added to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    Sections 1 through 5 of this act expire  
2    January 30, 2005.

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