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By Representatives O'Brien, Koster, Anderson, Ogden, Lantz, Miloscia, Hankins and Ballasiotes

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1 AN ACT Relating to postsecondary courses for inmates; and creating
2 a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of corrections shall
5 implement and obtain through a request for proposal process, a pilot
6 postsecondary educational program for inmates.

7 (1) The secretary shall ensure that the request for proposal is
8 offered to community and four-year colleges to provide postsecondary
9 educational courses for inmates on a self-pay system.

10 (2) Inmates shall pay all costs and tuition for participation in
11 the postsecondary courses.

12 (3) The secretary shall select for the pilot program one
13 institution for males and one institution for females.

14 (4) The secretary shall ensure that the pilot program addresses all
15 modes of instruction, including distance learning and other
16 technologies.

17 (5) Inmates may use their own funds and funds deducted by the
18 department under RCW 72.09.111 from their personal inmate savings

1 account for the sole purposes of their postsecondary educational
2 classes.

3 (6) The department may not preclude an inmate from participating in
4 a postsecondary education course based upon the inmate's release date
5 or custody level.

6 (7) The department shall provide any necessary space and
7 administrative support if the college or university provides the
8 postsecondary educational classes.

9 (8) The department shall administer the pilot postsecondary
10 educational program for one year.

11 (9) The department shall prepare and submit a report to the
12 legislature, not later than January 1, 2001, including recommendations
13 regarding whether the pilot postsecondary educational program should be
14 extended and stating the number of inmates who participated in the
15 program.

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