
SENATE BILL 6177

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By Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Costa, McAuliffe and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to doctoral programs in computer science and
2 engineering; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state of
5 Washington has a dynamic high technology industry. Employment in the
6 high technology industry has grown since 1990 from sixty thousand to
7 more than one hundred thousand persons. The legislature further finds
8 that to stay competitive and help the industry grow, opportunities for
9 postgraduate study need to be created in Washington state.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By June 30, 2001, the higher education
11 coordinating board shall evaluate and make recommendations to
12 appropriate committees of the legislature about the creation of a
13 doctoral program in computer science and engineering. In making its
14 recommendations, the board shall look at issues that shall include but
15 not be limited to:

16 (1) Future and current job opportunities for persons with doctoral
17 degrees in computer science and engineering within the state of
18 Washington and within the United States;

1 (2) To the extent information is available, the number of persons
2 employed in Washington state in the computer science and engineering
3 fields with doctoral degrees in computer science and engineering and
4 the names of the institutions granting those degrees;

5 (3) The number of students in undergraduate or master's degree
6 programs in computer science and engineering in Washington who would be
7 interested in pursuing doctoral degrees; and

8 (4) Where the program should be located.

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