
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6747

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Sheahan, Shin, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Horn, Finkbeiner, Winsley, Costa and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to strengthening the working relationship between
2 the high technology industry and the higher education community;
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The high technology industry is a major
6 contributor to the economic prosperity of Washington state. The
7 legislature finds that industry must play a key role in assisting and
8 supporting state government and institutions of higher education as
9 Washington strives to enhance its current competitive advantage.
10 Institutions of higher education contribute to the success of
11 Washington's high technology economy in many ways. Continuing to
12 strengthen the working relationship between the high technology
13 industry and the higher education community is essential to our state's
14 future.

15 (2) Beginning in April 2000, the higher education coordinating
16 board, the state board for community and technical colleges, a
17 representative of the Washington software alliance, the American
18 electronics association, and the Washington biotechnology and
19 biomedical association shall convene a work group in consultation with

1 the council of presidents and its member institutions, the office of
2 the superintendent of public instruction, the work force training and
3 education coordinating board, the Washington federation of private
4 career schools and colleges, the Washington association of independent
5 colleges and universities, representatives from the high technology
6 industry, and other higher education providers.

7 (3) The work group shall (a) review the various needs of the high
8 technology industry and the roles of the various institutions of higher
9 education in meeting these needs, (b) establish priorities including
10 but not limited to an inventory of higher education high technology
11 programs and offerings, (c) develop strategies to address high
12 technology needs, including employment demand and other needs, and (d)
13 develop an implementation plan for action by the institutions of higher
14 education and industry to enhance opportunities for action by the
15 state, institutions of higher education, and industry to better meet
16 these needs.

17 (4) The conveners shall report to the fiscal and higher education
18 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2000, on progress made by
19 the work group and any recommendations ready at the time for short and
20 long-term strategies.

21 (5) This section expires December 31, 2001.

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