

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6035

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Higher Education, February 20, 2001

Title: An act relating to directing the state board for community and technical colleges to create a college board job bank.

Brief Description: Creating a college board job bank.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Costa and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/19/01, 2/20/01 [DPS, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6035 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Carlson, Jacobsen, McAuliffe and B. Sheldon.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Horn and Parlette.

Staff: Casey Bui (786-7448)

Background: The use of part-time faculty is important for community and technical colleges. Part-time faculty provide a college flexibility in responding to changes in its enrollment and program needs. Colleges regularly hire part-time faculty. Information on current openings is not always widely available on a consistent basis.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) must create an electronic job bank to act as a clearinghouse for people seeking academic teaching positions in the state's community and technical colleges. The job bank must be accessible on the internet.

The job bank must have a separate section for the listing of part-time academic employment opportunities available at the state community and technical colleges. Minimum features to be included in the job bank are enumerated. The board must develop a strategy to promote its job bank to prospective candidates.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill was not considered.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 14, 2001.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill highlights the importance of part-time faculty at the state's community and technical colleges. It will help facilitate the dissemination of academic openings at the colleges and provides a central location where information on faculty positions is available. At the same time, the cost to implement this is minimal and can provide an increased pool of applicants from which a college can choose from.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Senator Kohl-Welles, sponsor; Keith Hoeller, Terry Knudsen, WPTFA; John Boesenberg, SBCTC; Diane Clifford, WFT.