
SENATE BILL 5780

State of Washington

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By Senators Jacobsen and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to a task force on the success of Hispanic students
2 in institutions of higher education; creating a new section; providing
3 an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature finds that it is
6 important to address the success of Hispanic students in institutions
7 of higher education. Completion rates of Hispanic students in
8 community colleges is decreasing and participation rates of Hispanics
9 in baccalaureate institutions has remained stagnant. Therefore, the
10 legislature finds that there is a need to help these students succeed
11 in institutions of higher education.

12 (b) The legislature finds that a task force should be created to
13 study the participation of Hispanics in higher education and the
14 effectiveness of programs designed to support Hispanic students.

15 (2) A task force on Hispanic students in higher education is
16 created. The task force study shall include but not be limited to the
17 following:

1 (a) An examination of the efforts of institutions of higher
2 education to recruit, retain, and provide academic support for Hispanic
3 students;

4 (b) A determination of which programs are helpful to Hispanic
5 students and which programs fail to promote recruitment, retention, and
6 program completion; and

7 (c) Recommendations to improve the recruitment, retention, and
8 completion of Hispanics in higher education.

9 (3) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations by
10 December 31, 2001, to the higher education coordinating board, the
11 state board for community and technical colleges, the house of
12 representatives committee on higher education, and the senate committee
13 on higher education.

14 (4) The task force shall consist of ten members as follows:

15 (a) One member each, appointed by each of the state's public four-
16 year institutions of higher education, to represent the respective
17 institution of higher education;

18 (b) One member, appointed by the state board for community and
19 technical colleges, to represent the community and technical colleges
20 in Washington;

21 (c) One member, appointed by the higher education coordinating
22 board, to represent the private institutions of higher education in
23 Washington;

24 (d) One member of the higher education coordinating board, to be
25 appointed by the chair of the higher education coordinating board; and

26 (e) The director of the Washington state commission on Hispanic
27 affairs.

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

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
32 immediately.

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