

SSB 5677 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that to achieve the  
4 goals of education reform and improve student learning and achievement,  
5 the separate public education systems should strive to create a  
6 seamless system of education from grades K-12 through higher education.  
7 The legislature further finds that a seamless system is a system where  
8 there is an easy transition from one system to another system. The  
9 legislature further finds that a seamless system begins with close  
10 collaboration and coordination between the state-level policy boards,  
11 as well as the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the  
12 council of presidents, and the legislature.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 Each year in September or December, an annual meeting shall focus  
16 attention on the practical implementation of cross-sector education  
17 policies. Participants in the annual meeting shall include the state  
18 board of education, the higher education coordinating board, the state  
19 board for community and technical colleges, the superintendent of  
20 public instruction, the council of presidents, the work force training  
21 and education coordinating board, and legislators from the higher  
22 education, education, and fiscal committees. A specific and focused  
23 agenda for the annual meeting shall include efforts to improve  
24 articulation among high schools and two and four-year institutions of  
25 higher education; efforts to increase student success in completing  
26 math requirements in high school and college through alignment of  
27 standards and improved instruction, advising, and assessment; and  
28 development of standards for the knowledge and skills students need to  
29 be ready for college-level work. The council of presidents shall  
30 coordinate the first annual meeting in 2004. Responsibility for

1 coordinating subsequent annual meetings shall rotate among the state  
2 education agencies that participate in the meeting. Each year after  
3 the annual meeting, the coordinating agency shall summarize the results  
4 of the meeting and propose an action plan for the ensuing year to the  
5 higher education and education committees of the legislature."

6 Correct the title accordingly.

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