
HOUSE BILL 2101

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a P-16 governance structure for
2 preschool through postsecondary education for the benefit of all
3 learners; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that education is the
6 fundamental building block of a democracy and that education must be
7 extended to all Washington students in a way that encourages and
8 supports higher achievement levels and lifelong learning. Education
9 provides the state's citizens with the capacity, knowledge, and skills
10 to foster a thriving economy and to provide the foundation for a
11 harmonious society.

12 The legislature finds further that a comprehensive, coherent,
13 integrated, and flexible approach to education from preschool through
14 college is the best means to be responsive to Washington's needs. The
15 legislature intends to develop a P-16 governance structure to improve
16 student flow and raise student achievement through improved
17 collaboration and coordination across education levels. Components of
18 Washington's P-16 system should include early care and education
19 programs, grades kindergarten through ten, and grades eleven through

1 sixteen, including career and technical education, and adult education.
2 The system should incorporate clear standards, aligned and rigorous
3 curricula, effective assessments, clear expectations, and widely shared
4 responsibilities.

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