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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding opportunities for graduating secondary
2 school students to enter apprenticeships; and adding new sections to
3 chapter 49.04 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that it is in the public interest of the
8 state to encourage and facilitate the formation of cooperative
9 relationships between business and industry and educational
10 institutions that provide for the development and expansion of programs
11 of skills training and education consistent with employment needs and
12 to make interested individuals aware of the employment opportunities
13 presented. Therefore, the following programs shall be implemented to
14 expand opportunities for secondary school students to prepare for
15 technical careers and related apprenticeships:

16 (1) Centers of excellence, which shall act as repositories and
17 distributors of relevant information;

18 (2) A coordinated educational outreach program about
19 apprenticeships; and

1 (3) Direct-entry programs for graduating secondary students into
2 construction-related apprenticeships, managed by the Washington state
3 apprenticeship and training council.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Centers of excellence, as designated by the state board for
7 community and technical colleges, shall facilitate secondary school
8 programs that lead to apprenticeship placement by compiling and
9 providing information on available grants, scholarship opportunities,
10 job openings, and industries of growth.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall lead
14 and coordinate an educational outreach program for middle and secondary
15 school students and educators about apprenticeship and career
16 opportunities.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 The Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall
20 manage direct-entry programs for graduating secondary students into
21 building and construction-related apprenticeships by:

22 (1) Assisting individual school districts in using and leveraging
23 existing resources;

24 (2) Developing guidelines with input from the office of the
25 superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and
26 technical colleges, the work force training and education coordinating
27 board, the governor's policy office, and other interested stakeholders
28 for direct-entry programs;

29 (3) Awarding ten incentive grants to school districts statewide
30 solely for personnel to negotiate and implement agreements with local
31 apprenticeships based upon state apprenticeship use requirements, as
32 described in RCW 39.04.320, to accept graduating secondary school
33 students with appropriate training into apprenticeship programs.

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