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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6483**

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**By** Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Franklin, Haugen, Berkey, Keiser, Kline, Regala, Eide, Brown, Thibaudeau, Schmidt, Spanel and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire)

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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 (1) 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 labor and educational institutions  
10 that provide for the development and expansion of programs of  
11 educational skills training consistent with employment needs.

12 (2) Further, the legislature finds that it is in the state's  
13 interest to make students aware of the educational training programs  
14 and career employment possibilities.

15 (3) Therefore, the following shall be implemented to expand  
16 opportunities for secondary school students to prepare for technical  
17 careers and related apprenticeships:

18 (a) Centers of excellence and other colleges with a high density of

1 apprenticeship programs shall act as brokers of relevant information  
2 and resources as provided for in section 2 of this act;

3 (b) An educational outreach program coordinated by the Washington  
4 state apprenticeship and training council as provided for in section 3  
5 of this act; and

6 (c) The development of direct-entry programs for graduating  
7 secondary students, approved and overseen by the Washington state  
8 apprenticeship and training council as provided for in section 4 of  
9 this act.

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

12 Centers of excellence, as designated by the state board for  
13 community and technical colleges, and other colleges with a high  
14 density of apprenticeship programs, shall act as a broker of  
15 information and resources on available grants, scholarship  
16 opportunities, job openings, and industries of growth.

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

19 The Washington state apprenticeship and training council, in  
20 conjunction with individual state-approved apprenticeship training  
21 programs, shall lead and coordinate an educational outreach program for  
22 middle and secondary school students and educators about apprenticeship  
23 and career opportunities.

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

26 The Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall  
27 approve and oversee direct-entry programs for graduating secondary  
28 students into building and construction-related apprenticeships by:

29 (1) Assisting individual school districts in using and leveraging  
30 existing resources;

31 (2) Developing guidelines with input from apprenticeship  
32 coordinators, the office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
33 the state board for community and technical colleges, the work force  
34 training and education coordinating board, the governor's policy

1 office, and other interested stakeholders for direct-entry programs;  
2 and

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

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