

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5167

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Higher Education, January 22, 2007

**Title:** An act relating to expanding the definition of training system.

**Brief Description:** Modifying the definition of "training system" in RCW 28C.18.010.

**Sponsors:** Senators Shin, Kastama, Kilmer, Zarelli, Haugen and Pridemore.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Higher Education: 1/22/07 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Schoesler and Sheldon.

**Staff:** Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

**Background:** The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Board) was formed in 1991 to provide planning, coordination, evaluation, monitoring, and policy analysis for the state training system as a whole. "Training system" is defined as programs and courses of secondary vocational education, technical college programs and courses, community college vocational programs and courses, private career school and college programs and courses, employer-sponsored training, adult basic education programs and courses, programs and courses funded by the Job Training Partnership Act, programs and courses funded by the federal Vocational Act, programs and courses funded under the federal Adult Education Act, publicly funded programs and courses for adult literacy education and apprenticeships, and programs and courses offered by private and public nonprofit organizations that are representative of communities or significant segments of communities and provide job training or adult literacy services.

**Summary of Bill:** Customized training programs are added to the training systems evaluated and monitored by the Board. Customized training programs are those that are purposefully designed to fulfill the training needs of the students to qualify for specific employment.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges looks to the Workforce Education and Training Coordinating Board to evaluate customized training programs already, this just formalizes the authority. This bill carries out the recommendations from the Workforce Development System.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Shin, prime sponsor; Madeline Thompson, WTECB.