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1 AN ACT Relating to the applied baccalaureate degree pilot program;
2 amending RCW 28B.50.810; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the six colleges
5 that developed proposals for the applied baccalaureate degree pilot
6 programs exhibited exemplary work preparing proposals. The proposals
7 were consistent with the legislature's vision for expanding bachelor's
8 degree access and with the principals and criteria developed by the
9 college board. The legislature recognizes that the authorization for
10 the pilots was limited in number and therefore not all the proposals
11 were able to be approved. The legislature values the work that has
12 been done and intends to provide authority for additional pilots so as
13 not to lose the good work that has been done.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.50.810 and 2005 c 258 s 6 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) By April 2006, the college board shall select four community or
17 technical colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to an
18 applied baccalaureate degree. At least one of the four pilot programs

1 chosen must lead to a baccalaureate of applied science degree which
2 builds on an associate of applied science degree. The college board
3 shall convene a task force that includes representatives of both the
4 community and technical colleges to develop objective selection
5 criteria.

6 (2) By February 2008, the college board shall select up to two
7 technical colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to an
8 applied baccalaureate degree. The college board shall use the
9 objective selection criteria developed under subsections (1) and (3) of
10 this section to make the selection.

11 (3) Colleges may submit an application to become a pilot college
12 under this section. The college board shall review the applications
13 and select the pilot colleges using objective criteria, including:

14 (a) The college demonstrates the capacity to make a long-term
15 commitment of resources to build and sustain a high quality program;

16 (b) The college has or can readily engage faculty appropriately
17 qualified to develop and deliver a high quality curriculum at the
18 baccalaureate level;

19 (c) The college can demonstrate demand for the proposed program
20 from a sufficient number of students within its service area to make
21 the program cost-effective and feasible to operate;

22 (d) The college can demonstrate that employers demand the level of
23 technical training proposed within the program, making it cost-
24 effective for students to seek the degree; and

25 (e) The proposed program fills a gap in options available for
26 students because it is not offered by a public four-year institution of
27 higher education in the college's geographic area.

28 ~~((3))~~ (4) A college selected as a pilot college under this
29 section may develop the curriculum for and design and deliver courses
30 leading to an applied baccalaureate degree. However, degree programs
31 developed under this section are subject to approval by the college
32 board under RCW 28B.50.090 and by the higher education coordinating
33 board under RCW 28B.76.230 before a pilot college may enroll students
34 in upper division courses. A pilot college approved under subsection
35 (1) of this section may not enroll students in upper division courses
36 before the fall academic quarter of 2006. A pilot college approved

1 under subsection (2) of this section may not enroll students in upper
2 division courses before the fall academic quarter of 2009.

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