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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2591

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By House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Sells, and Jarrett)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the acquisition and dissemination of data  
2 regarding institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.76.290 and  
3 28B.76.020; adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW; and creating a  
4 new section.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.290 and 1993 c 77 s 2 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8            The board shall coordinate educational activities among all  
9 segments of higher education taking into account the educational  
10 programs, facilities, and other resources of both public and  
11 independent two and four-year colleges and universities. The four-year  
12 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges  
13 shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board  
14 shall have the following additional responsibilities:

- 15            (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;
- 16            (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year  
17 institutions, including a requirement that coursework in American sign  
18 language or an American Indian language shall satisfy any requirement

1 for instruction in a language other than English that the board or the  
2 institutions may establish as a general undergraduate admissions  
3 requirement;

4 (3) Establish transfer policies;

5 (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;

6 (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering  
7 states and the province of British Columbia;

8 (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for  
9 administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty  
10 using comparative data from peer institutions;

11 (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all  
12 relevant state policies for higher education;

13 (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or  
14 between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the  
15 request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request  
16 of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The  
17 decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the  
18 dispute;

19 (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting,  
20 analyzing, and distributing information;

21 (10) In partnership with the education data center and the state  
22 board for community and technical colleges, by December 1, 2008,  
23 display the following measures in the dashboard template format, as  
24 developed in this section, on the education data center's web site. To  
25 the extent possible, all measures in this subsection (10) shall be able  
26 to be viewed by race and ethnicity, gender, state and county of origin,  
27 and age:

28 (a) Student enrollment that may include measures such as state and  
29 county of residence, student level, and full or part-time;

30 (b) Total degrees and certificates awarded;

31 (c) Financial aid awards for each institution that may include  
32 measures such as funding source, for example, state or federal, and  
33 program, such as opportunity grant, state need grant, or Pell grant;

34 (d) Remedial education courses attempted and completed;

35 (e) English as a second language (ESL) courses attempted and  
36 completed; and

37 (f) High school dual credit programs;

1       (11) In partnership with the education data center, jointly convene  
2 a work group that includes representatives from the public institutions  
3 of higher education, the state board for community and technical  
4 colleges, the workforce training education and coordinating board, the  
5 council of presidents, the government management accountability and  
6 performance program, the higher education policy committees of the  
7 legislature, and the employment security department, to develop the  
8 following:

9       (a) A uniform dashboard template, to be displayed on the web site  
10 of the education data center, that organizes and presents data  
11 including, but not limited to, measures identified in this subsection  
12 (11) and subsection (10) of this section. The template may be tailored  
13 in visual presentation to meet the needs of specific constituent  
14 groups, for example students, researchers and analysts, or the general  
15 public. The template must be completed, populated with data, and  
16 displayed on the education data center's home page by December 1, 2008;

17       (b) By June 1, 2009, a common set of workforce measures;

18       (c) By June 1, 2009, a common set of data definitions shared among  
19 institutions of higher education for the following measures:

20       (i) Transfer rate;

21       (ii) Admission rate that may include measures such as admission for  
22 running start students and for transfer students;

23       (iii) Retention rate;

24       (iv) Measures of faculty engagement;

25       (v) Student survey data, that may include an inventory of the types  
26 of surveys administered; and

27       (vi) Financial cost measures including cost of attendance and cost  
28 of instruction; and

29       (d) By July 1, 2009, an updated dashboard template that includes  
30 and is populated with the measures developed in this section;

31       (12) Annually report total enrollment numbers for all postsecondary  
32 institutions, to the extent that the numbers are reported to the board  
33 by the institutions;

34       (13) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove  
35 any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus  
36 activities; and

37       ~~((11))~~   (14) Make recommendations to increase minority

1 participation, and monitor and report on the progress of minority  
2 participation in higher education.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.76 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Annually, on a schedule to be determined jointly by the board,  
6 the state board for community and technical colleges, and the education  
7 data center, each institution of higher education shall complete and  
8 update the data displayed on the dashboard template developed under RCW  
9 28B.76.290.

10 (2) Each institution of higher education, as defined in RCW  
11 28B.10.016, shall prominently post on its home page a uniform, visible  
12 link to the education data center's home page in order to facilitate  
13 access to the dashboards of the other institutions of higher education.

14 (3) The board shall prominently post on its home page a uniform,  
15 visible link to the education data center's home page to facilitate  
16 access to the dashboards of all institutions of higher education.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.76.020 and 1985 c 370 s 2 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 ~~((For the purposes of))~~ The definitions in this section apply  
20 throughout this chapter((+)) unless the context clearly requires  
21 otherwise.

22 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board(~~(+and)~~).

23 (2) "Dashboard" means a visual display of information consolidated  
24 and arranged on a computer screen in an easy to read fashion so that  
25 the information can be seen at a glance.

26 (3) "Four-year institutions" means the University of Washington,  
27 Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern  
28 Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen  
29 State College.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
31 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
32 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
33 void.

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