
SENATE BILL 5476

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By Senators Shin, Berkey, Schoesler, Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Spanel,
Hewitt, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to a mentoring program for students in grades eight
2 through twelve; adding a new section to chapter 28B.35 RCW; creating a
3 new section; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to increase the
6 number of college and university students mentoring students in grades
7 eight through twelve. By increasing the number of mentors, the
8 legislature intends to improve mathematics and science proficiency of
9 students in grades eight through twelve, increase the likelihood that
10 those students will attend postsecondary institutions of higher
11 education, develop and improve workforce skills of students, improve
12 citizenship skills, attitudes, and behaviors of students, and improve
13 retention of college and university student mentors.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.35 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The Washington campus compact at Western Washington University
17 shall develop a statewide network of partnerships between institutions
18 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and common schools

1 serving students in any of grades eight through twelve. The
2 partnerships shall include programs for postsecondary students to
3 mentor students in grades eight through twelve.

4 (2) The Washington campus compact at Western Washington University
5 shall compile statewide data to measure the impact of the mentoring
6 program on the success of students in grades eight through twelve and
7 on the retention rates of postsecondary students.

8 (3) Funding for the mentoring program in this section shall be used
9 for:

10 (a) Outreach and training of postsecondary students to serve as
11 mentors to students in grades eight through twelve, and coordination of
12 service-learning projects;

13 (b) Training for partnerships between institutions of higher
14 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and common schools serving
15 students in any of grades eight through twelve;

16 (c) Improving accountability by developing strong assessment
17 mechanisms that measure how mentoring impacts: (i) Academic
18 improvement of youth; (ii) retention of postsecondary students; (iii)
19 access to institutions of higher education; and (iv) the development of
20 workforce and citizenship skills, attitudes, and behaviors; and

21 (d) Disseminating best practices and impacts of mentoring programs
22 statewide.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of four hundred eighty-five
24 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
25 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general
26 fund to the Washington campus compact at Western Washington University
27 for the purposes of this act.

28 (2) The sum of four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars, or as
29 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
30 ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the Washington campus
31 compact at Western Washington University for the purposes of this act.

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