

2SHB 2630 - H AMD 1254

By Representative Probst

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1 On page 4, after line 33, insert the following:

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3 "Sec. 4. RCW 28C.18.164 and 2009 c 238 s 4 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Opportunity internship consortia may apply to the board to
6 offer an opportunity internship program.

7 (a) The board, in consultation with the Washington state
8 apprenticeship and training council, may select those consortia that
9 demonstrate the strongest commitment and readiness to implement a high
10 quality opportunity internship program for low-income high school
11 students. The board shall place a priority on consortia with
12 demonstrated experience working with similar populations of students
13 and demonstrated capacity to assist a large number of students through
14 the progression of internship or preapprenticeship, high school
15 graduation, postsecondary education, and retention in a high-demand
16 occupation. The board shall place a priority on programs that
17 emphasize secondary career and technical education and
18 nonbaccalaureate postsecondary education; however, programs that
19 target four-year postsecondary degrees are eligible to participate.

20 (b)(i) Except as provided in (ii) of this subsection (1)(b), the
21 board shall enter into a contract with each consortium selected to
22 participate in the program. No more than ten consortia per year shall
23 be selected to participate in the program, and to the extent possible,
24 the board shall assure a geographic distribution of consortia in
25 regions across the state emphasizing a variety of targeted industries.
26 Each consortium may select no more than one hundred low-income high
27 school students per year to participate in the program.

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2 (ii) For fiscal years 2011 through 2013, the board shall enter
3 into a contract with each consortium selected to participate in the
4 program. No more than twelve consortia per year shall be selected to
5 participate in the program, and to the extent possible, the board
6 shall assure a geographic distribution of consortia in regions across
7 the state emphasizing a variety of targeted industries. No more than
8 five thousand low-income high school students per year may be selected
9 to participate in the program.

10 (2) Under the terms of an opportunity internship program contract,
11 an opportunity internship consortium shall commit to the following
12 activities which shall be conducted using existing federal, state,
13 local, or private funds available to the consortium:

14 (a) Identify high-demand occupations in targeted industries for
15 which opportunity internships or preapprenticeships shall be developed
16 and provided;

17 (b) Develop and implement the components of opportunity
18 internships, including paid or unpaid internships or
19 preapprenticeships of at least ninety hours in length in high-demand
20 occupations with employers in the consortium, mentoring and guidance
21 for students who participate in the program, assistance with
22 applications for postsecondary programs and financial aid, and a
23 guarantee of a job interview with a participating employer for all
24 opportunity internship graduates who successfully complete a
25 postsecondary program of study;

26 (c) Once the internship or preapprenticeship components have been
27 developed, conduct outreach efforts to inform low-income high school
28 students about high-demand occupations, the opportunity internship
29 program, options for postsecondary programs of study, and the
30 incentives and opportunities provided to students who participate in
31 the program;

32 (d) Obtain appropriate documentation of the low-income status of
33 students who participate in the program;

1 (e) Maintain communication with opportunity internship graduates
2 of the consortium who enroll in postsecondary programs of study; and

3 (f) Submit an annual report to the board on the progress of and
4 participation in the opportunity internship program of the consortium.

5 (3) Opportunity internship consortia are encouraged to:

6 (a) Provide paid opportunity internships or preapprenticeships,
7 including during the summer months to encourage students to stay
8 enrolled in high school;

9 (b) Work with high schools to offer opportunity internships as
10 approved worksite learning experiences where students can earn high
11 school credit;

12 (c) Designate the local workforce development council as fiscal
13 agent for the opportunity internship program contract;

14 (d) Work with area high schools to incorporate the opportunity
15 internship program into comprehensive guidance and counseling programs
16 such as the navigation 101 program; and

17 (e) Coordinate the opportunity internship program with other
18 workforce development and postsecondary education programs, including
19 opportunity grants, the college bound scholarship program, federal
20 workforce investment act initiatives, and college access challenge
21 grants.

22 (4) The board shall seek federal funds that may be used to support
23 the opportunity internship program, including providing the incentive
24 payments under RCW 28C.18.168."

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26 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
27 internal references accordingly.

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29 Correct the title.

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31 On page 4, beginning on line 34, strike all of sections 4
32 through 10 and insert the following:

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1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 50.24
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 A separate and identifiable account, which shall be known as the
4 opportunity express account, is established. Moneys in the account may
5 be spent only after appropriation. Moneys in the account shall be
6 used only for the worker retraining program, training programs
7 approved by the commissioner of the employment security department,
8 training programs administered by labor and management partnerships,
9 industry-prioritized training programs, training programs that
10 facilitate career progression in healthcare occupations, the
11 opportunity internship program, and the opportunity grant program, and
12 for administrative costs related to these programs and collection of
13 voluntary contributions under this section. Moneys in the account
14 shall be used to supplement, not supplant, existing funding for the
15 opportunity grant program."

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17 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
18 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT:

Expands the Opportunity Internship Program in FY 2011 through 2013 from 10 consortia to 12 consortia, and from 1,000 students per year (100 per year per consortia) to 5,000 students per year (statewide).

Strikes sections relating to voluntary contributions and tax vouchers, but retains provision establishing the Opportunity Express Account and specifying that moneys in the account must be used only for certain training programs.

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