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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that in times of
4 severe economic recession, the state has a special obligation to help
5 unemployed and low-income citizens access the training and education
6 necessary to help them find and keep living wage jobs. The legislature
7 also finds that during times of recession, when state revenues are at
8 their lowest, demand for education and training are at their highest,
9 making it especially important for the legislature to set clear goals
10 and make the most efficient use of limited state resources.

11 (2) The legislature therefore intends to expand training and
12 education programs, which have proven to be successful, to help
13 Washington citizens receive the training they need. These programs
14 include the worker retraining program, the opportunity grant program,
15 and the opportunity internship program. The legislature further
16 intends to create more effective intake and outreach systems to reach
17 the greatest number of citizens and connect them to the resources they
18 need, including college, apprenticeship, and preapprenticeship.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28C.04.390 and 1999 c 121 s 1 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The college board worker retraining program funds shall be used
22 for training programs and related support services, including financial
23 aid, counseling, referral to training resources, job referral, and job
24 development that:

25 (a) Are consistent with the unified plan for workforce development;

26 (b) Provide increased enrollments for dislocated workers;

27 (c) Provide customized training opportunities for dislocated
28 workers; and

1 (d) Provide increased enrollments and support services, including
2 financial aid for those students not receiving unemployment insurance
3 benefits, that do not replace or supplant any existing enrollments,
4 programs, support services, or funding sources.

5 (2) The college board shall develop a plan for use of the worker
6 retraining program funds in conjunction with the workforce training
7 customer advisory committee established in subsection (3) of this
8 section. In developing the plan the college board shall:

9 (a) Provide that applicants for worker retraining program funds
10 shall solicit financial support for training programs and give priority
11 in receipt of funds to those applicants which are most successful in
12 matching public dollars with financial support;

13 (b) Provide that applicants for worker retraining program funds
14 shall develop training programs in partnership with local businesses,
15 industry associations, labor, and other partners as appropriate and
16 give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants who develop
17 customized training programs in partnership with local businesses,
18 industry associations, and labor organizations;

19 (c) Give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants serving
20 rural areas;

21 (d) Ensure that applicants receiving worker retraining program
22 funds gather information from local workforce development councils on
23 employer workforce needs, including the needs of businesses with less
24 than twenty-five employees; (~~and~~)

25 (e) Provide for specialized vocational training at a private career
26 school or college at the request of a recipient eligible under
27 subsection (1)(b) of this section. Available tuition for the training
28 is limited to the amount that would otherwise be payable per enrolled
29 quarter to a public institution; and

30 (f) Give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants working
31 toward careers in the aerospace, health care, advanced manufacturing,
32 construction, and renewable energy industries; high-demand occupations
33 in strategic industry clusters identified in the state comprehensive
34 plan and the workforce development councils' local comprehensive plans
35 for workforce educational training as identified in RCW 28C.18.080 and
36 28C.18.150; and occupations and industries identified by community and
37 technical colleges in collaboration with local workforce development

1 councils. For purposes of this section, health care includes long-term
2 care.

3 (3) The executive director of the college board shall appoint a
4 workforce training customer advisory committee by July 1, 1999, to:

5 (a) Assist in the development of the plan for the use of the
6 college board worker retraining program funds and recommend guidelines
7 to the college board for the operation of worker retraining programs;

8 (b) Recommend selection criteria for worker retraining programs and
9 grant applicants for receipt of worker retraining program grants;

10 (c) Provide advice to the college board on other workforce
11 development activities of the community and technical colleges;

12 (d) Recommend selection criteria for job skills grants, consistent
13 with criteria established in this chapter and chapter 121, Laws of
14 1999. Such criteria shall include a prioritization of job skills
15 applicants in rural areas;

16 (e) Recommend guidelines to the college board for the operation of
17 the job skills program; and

18 (f) Recommend grant applicants for receipt of job skills program
19 grants.

20 (4) Members of the workforce training customer advisory committee
21 shall consist of three college system representatives selected by the
22 executive director of the college board, three representatives of
23 business selected from nominations provided by statewide business
24 organizations, and three representatives of labor selected from
25 nominations provided by a statewide labor organization representing a
26 cross-section of workers in the state.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 By July 1, 2010, and within existing resources, the college board
30 may create a single web site for the purpose of advertising the
31 availability of opportunity express funding to Washington citizens;
32 explaining that opportunity express helps people who want to pursue
33 college and apprenticeship for certain targeted industries; and
34 explaining that opportunity express includes the following tracks:
35 Worker retraining for unemployed adults; training programs approved by
36 the commissioner of the employment security department, training
37 programs administered by labor and management partnerships, and

1 training programs prioritized by industry, for unemployed adults and
2 incumbent workers; opportunity internships for high school students;
3 and opportunity grants for low- income adults. The web site may also
4 direct interested individuals to the appropriate local intake office.
5 The web site may also include a link to the Washington state department
6 of labor and industries apprenticeship program.

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

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

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

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

32 (ii) For fiscal years 2011 through 2013, the board shall enter into
33 a contract with each consortium selected to participate in the program.
34 No more than twelve consortia per year shall be selected to participate
35 in the program, and to the extent possible, the board shall assure a
36 geographic distribution of consortia in regions across the state

1 emphasizing a variety of targeted industries. No more than five
2 thousand low-income high school students per year may be selected to
3 participate in the program.

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

8 (a) Identify high-demand occupations in targeted industries for
9 which opportunity internships or preapprenticeships shall be developed
10 and provided;

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

19 (c) Once the internship or preapprenticeship components have been
20 developed, conduct outreach efforts to inform low-income high school
21 students about high-demand occupations, the opportunity internship
22 program, options for postsecondary programs of study, and the
23 incentives and opportunities provided to students who participate in
24 the program;

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

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

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

31 (3) Opportunity internship consortia are encouraged to:

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

35 (b) Work with high schools to offer opportunity internships as
36 approved worksite learning experiences where students can earn high
37 school credit;

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

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

6 (e) Coordinate the opportunity internship program with other
7 workforce development and postsecondary education programs, including
8 opportunity grants, the college bound scholarship program, federal
9 workforce investment act initiatives, and college access challenge
10 grants.

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

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 A separate and identifiable account, which shall be known as the
17 opportunity express account, is established. Moneys in the account may
18 be spent only after appropriation. Moneys in the account shall be used
19 only for the worker retraining program, training programs approved by
20 the commissioner of the employment security department, training
21 programs administered by labor and management partnerships, industry-
22 prioritized training programs, training programs that facilitate career
23 progression in health care occupations, the opportunity internship
24 program, and the opportunity grant program, and for administrative
25 costs related to these programs. Moneys in the account shall be used
26 to supplement, not supplant, existing funding for the opportunity grant
27 program.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
30 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
31 immediately."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28C.04.390 and
3 28C.18.164; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; creating a new
4 section; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Removes references to an unemployment insurance tax
mechanism no longer applicable to the account.

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