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1 AN ACT Relating to honorary degrees for students who were ordered
2 into internment camps; and amending RCW 28B.20.130, 28B.30.150,
3 28B.35.205, and 28B.50.140.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.20.130 and 2004 c 275 s 52 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 General powers and duties of the board of regents are as follows:

8 (1) To have full control of the university and its property of
9 various kinds, except as otherwise provided by law.

10 (2) To employ the president of the university, his or her
11 assistants, members of the faculty, and employees of the institution,
12 who except as otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions
13 during the pleasure of said board of regents.

14 (3) Establish entrance requirements for students seeking admission
15 to the university which meet or exceed the standards specified under
16 RCW 28B.76.290(2). Completion of examinations satisfactory to the
17 university may be a prerequisite for entrance by any applicant at the
18 university's discretion. Evidence of completion of public high schools

1 and other educational institutions whose courses of study meet the
2 approval of the university may be acceptable for entrance.

3 (4) Establish such colleges, schools, or departments necessary to
4 carry out the purpose of the university and not otherwise proscribed by
5 law.

6 (5) With the assistance of the faculty of the university, prescribe
7 the course of study in the various colleges, schools, and departments
8 of the institution and publish the necessary catalogues thereof.

9 (6) Grant to students such certificates or degrees as recommended
10 for such students by the faculty. The board, upon recommendation of
11 the faculty, may also confer honorary degrees upon persons other than
12 graduates of this university in recognition of their learning or
13 devotion to literature, art, or science: PROVIDED, That no degree
14 shall ever be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the
15 giving of property of whatsoever kind.

16 (7) Accept such gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises,
17 whether real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise, for
18 the use or benefit of the university, its colleges, schools,
19 departments, or agencies; and sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend
20 the same or the proceeds, rents, profits, and income thereof except as
21 limited by the terms of said gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and
22 devises. The board shall adopt proper rules to govern and protect the
23 receipt and expenditure of the proceeds of all fees, and the proceeds,
24 rents, profits, and income of all gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests,
25 and devises above-mentioned.

26 (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, to enter into such
27 contracts as the regents deem essential to university purposes.

28 (9) To submit upon request such reports as will be helpful to the
29 governor and to the legislature in providing for the institution.

30 (10) Subject to the approval of the higher education coordinating
31 board pursuant to RCW 28B.76.230, offer new degree programs, offer off-
32 campus programs, participate in consortia or centers, contract for off-
33 campus educational programs, and purchase or lease major off-campus
34 facilities.

35 (11) To confer honorary degrees upon persons who request an
36 honorary degree if they were students at the university in 1942 and did
37 not graduate because they were ordered into an internment camp. The
38 honorary degree may also be requested by a representative of deceased

1 persons who meet these requirements. For the purposes of this
2 subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation center to which
3 persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential Executive Order 9066,
4 signed February 19, 1942.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.30.150 and 2004 c 275 s 53 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The regents of Washington State University, in addition to other
8 duties prescribed by law, shall:

9 (1) Have full control of the university and its property of various
10 kinds, except as otherwise provided by law.

11 (2) Employ the president of the university, his or her assistants,
12 members of the faculty, and employees of the university, who, except as
13 otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions during the
14 pleasure of said board of regents.

15 (3) Establish entrance requirements for students seeking admission
16 to the university which meet or exceed the standards specified under
17 RCW 28B.76.290(2). Completion of examinations satisfactory to the
18 university may be a prerequisite for entrance by any applicant, at the
19 university's discretion. Evidence of completion of public high schools
20 and other educational institutions whose courses of study meet the
21 approval of the university may be acceptable for entrance.

22 (4) Establish such colleges, schools, or departments necessary to
23 carry out the purpose of the university and not otherwise proscribed by
24 law.

25 (5) Subject to the approval of the higher education coordinating
26 board pursuant to RCW 28B.76.230, offer new degree programs, offer off-
27 campus programs, participate in consortia or centers, contract for off-
28 campus educational programs, and purchase or lease major off-campus
29 facilities.

30 (6) With the assistance of the faculty of the university, prescribe
31 the courses of instruction in the various colleges, schools, and
32 departments of the institution and publish the necessary catalogues
33 thereof.

34 (7) Collect such information as the board deems desirable as to the
35 schemes of technical instruction adopted in other parts of the United
36 States and foreign countries.

1 (8) Provide for holding agricultural institutes including farm
2 marketing forums.

3 (9) Provide that instruction given in the university, as far as
4 practicable, be conveyed by means of laboratory work and provide in
5 connection with the university one or more physical, chemical, and
6 biological laboratories, and suitably furnish and equip the same.

7 (10) Provide training in military tactics for those students
8 electing to participate therein.

9 (11) Establish a department of elementary science and in connection
10 therewith provide instruction in elementary mathematics, including
11 elementary trigonometry, elementary mechanics, elementary and
12 mechanical drawing, and land surveying.

13 (12) Establish a department of agriculture and in connection
14 therewith provide instruction in physics with special application of
15 its principles to agriculture, chemistry with special application of
16 its principles to agriculture, morphology and physiology of plants with
17 special reference to common grown crops and fungus enemies, morphology
18 and physiology of the lower forms of animal life, with special
19 reference to insect pests, morphology and physiology of the higher
20 forms of animal life and in particular of the horse, cow, sheep, and
21 swine, agriculture with special reference to the breeding and feeding
22 of livestock and the best mode of cultivation of farm produce, and
23 mining and metallurgy, appointing demonstrators in each of these
24 subjects to superintend the equipment of a laboratory and to give
25 practical instruction therein.

26 (13) Establish agricultural experiment stations in connection with
27 the department of agriculture, including at least one in the western
28 portion of the state, and appoint the officers and prescribe
29 regulations for their management.

30 (14) Grant to students such certificates or degrees, as recommended
31 for such students by the faculty.

32 (15) Confer honorary degrees upon persons other than graduates of
33 the university in recognition of their learning or devotion to
34 literature, art, or science when recommended thereto by the faculty:
35 PROVIDED, That no degree shall ever be conferred in consideration of
36 the payment of money or the giving of property of whatsoever kind.

37 (16) Adopt plans and specifications for university buildings and
38 facilities or improvements thereto and employ skilled architects and

1 engineers to prepare such plans and specifications and supervise the
2 construction of buildings or facilities which the board is authorized
3 to erect, and fix the compensation for such services. The board shall
4 enter into contracts with one or more contractors for such suitable
5 buildings, facilities, or improvements as the available funds will
6 warrant, upon the most advantageous terms offered at a public
7 competitive letting, pursuant to public notice under rules established
8 by the board. The board shall require of all persons with whom they
9 contract for construction and improvements a good and sufficient bond
10 for the faithful performance of the work and full protection against
11 all liens.

12 (17) Except as otherwise provided by law, direct the disposition of
13 all money appropriated to or belonging to the state university.

14 (18) Receive and expend the money appropriated under the act of
15 congress approved May 8, 1914, entitled "An Act to provide for
16 cooperative agricultural extension work between the agricultural
17 colleges in the several States receiving the benefits of the Act of
18 Congress approved July 2, 1862, and Acts supplemental thereto and the
19 United States Department of Agriculture" and organize and conduct
20 agricultural extension work in connection with the state university in
21 accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in the acts of
22 congress.

23 (19) Except as otherwise provided by law, to enter into such
24 contracts as the regents deem essential to university purposes.

25 (20) Acquire by lease, gift, or otherwise, lands necessary to
26 further the work of the university or for experimental or
27 demonstrational purposes.

28 (21) Establish and maintain at least one agricultural experiment
29 station in an irrigation district to conduct investigational work upon
30 the principles and practices of irrigational agriculture including the
31 utilization of water and its relation to soil types, crops, climatic
32 conditions, ditch and drain construction, fertility investigations,
33 plant disease, insect pests, marketing, farm management, utilization of
34 fruit by-products, and general development of agriculture under
35 irrigation conditions.

36 (22) Supervise and control the agricultural experiment station at
37 Puyallup.

1 (23) Establish and maintain at Wenatchee an agricultural experiment
2 substation for the purpose of conducting investigational work upon the
3 principles and practices of orchard culture, spraying, fertilization,
4 pollenization, new fruit varieties, fruit diseases and pests, by-
5 products, marketing, management, and general horticultural problems.

6 (24) Accept such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises, and bequests,
7 whether real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, for the use
8 or benefit of the university, its colleges, schools, or departments;
9 and sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the same or the proceeds,
10 rents, profits, and income thereof except as limited by the terms of
11 said gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises; and adopt
12 proper rules to govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the
13 proceeds of all fees, and the proceeds, rents, profits, and income of
14 all gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises.

15 (25) Construct when the board so determines a new foundry and a
16 mining, physical, technological building, and fabrication shop at the
17 university, or add to the present foundry and other buildings, in order
18 that both instruction and research be expanded to include permanent
19 molding and die casting with a section for new fabricating techniques,
20 especially for light metals, including magnesium and aluminum; purchase
21 equipment for the shops and laboratories in mechanical, electrical, and
22 civil engineering; establish a pilot plant for the extraction of
23 alumina from native clays and other possible light metal research;
24 purchase equipment for a research laboratory for technological research
25 generally; and purchase equipment for research in electronics,
26 instrumentation, energy sources, plastics, food technology, mechanics
27 of materials, hydraulics, and similar fields.

28 (26) Make and transmit to the governor and members of the
29 legislature upon request such reports as will be helpful in providing
30 for the institution.

31 (27) Confer honorary degrees upon persons who request an honorary
32 degree if they were students at the university in 1942 and did not
33 graduate because they were ordered into an internment camp. The
34 honorary degree may also be requested by a representative of deceased
35 persons who meet these requirements. For the purposes of this
36 subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation center to which
37 persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential Executive Order 9066,
38 signed February 19, 1942.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.35.205 and 2009 c 295 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) In addition to all other powers and duties given to them by
4 law, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and
5 Western Washington University are hereby authorized to grant any degree
6 through the master's degree to any student who has completed a program
7 of study and/or research in those areas which are determined by the
8 faculty and board of trustees of the college to be appropriate for the
9 granting of such degree: PROVIDED, That before any degree is
10 authorized under this section it shall be subject to the review and
11 approval of the higher education coordinating board.

12 (2) The board of trustees, upon recommendation of the faculty, may
13 also confer honorary bachelor's, master's, or doctorate level degrees
14 upon persons in recognition of their learning or devotion to education,
15 literature, art, or science. No degree may be conferred in
16 consideration of the payment of money or the donation of any kind of
17 property.

18 (3) The board of trustees may also confer honorary degrees upon
19 persons who request an honorary degree if they were students at the
20 university in 1942 and did not graduate because they were ordered into
21 an internment camp. The honorary degree may also be requested by a
22 representative of deceased persons who meet these requirements. For
23 the purposes of this subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation
24 center to which persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential
25 Executive Order 9066, signed February 19, 1942.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.50.140 and 2009 c 64 s 5 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 Each board of trustees:

29 (1) Shall operate all existing community and technical colleges in
30 its district;

31 (2) Shall create comprehensive programs of community and technical
32 college education and training and maintain an open-door policy in
33 accordance with the provisions of RCW 28B.50.090(3);

34 (3) Shall employ for a period to be fixed by the board a college
35 president for each community and technical college and, may appoint a
36 president for the district, and fix their duties and compensation,
37 which may include elements other than salary. Compensation under this

1 subsection shall not affect but may supplement retirement, health care,
2 and other benefits that are otherwise applicable to the presidents as
3 state employees. The board shall also employ for a period to be fixed
4 by the board members of the faculty and such other administrative
5 officers and other employees as may be necessary or appropriate and fix
6 their salaries and duties. Compensation and salary increases under
7 this subsection shall not exceed the amount or percentage established
8 for those purposes in the state appropriations act by the legislature
9 as allocated to the board of trustees by the state board for community
10 and technical colleges. The state board for community and technical
11 colleges shall adopt rules defining the permissible elements of
12 compensation under this subsection;

13 (4) May establish, under the approval and direction of the college
14 board, new facilities as community needs and interests demand.
15 However, the authority of boards of trustees to purchase or lease major
16 off-campus facilities shall be subject to the approval of the higher
17 education coordinating board pursuant to RCW 28B.76.230;

18 (5) May establish or lease, operate, equip and maintain
19 dormitories, food service facilities, bookstores and other self-
20 supporting facilities connected with the operation of the community and
21 technical college;

22 (6) May, with the approval of the college board, borrow money and
23 issue and sell revenue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness for the
24 construction, reconstruction, erection, equipping with permanent
25 fixtures, demolition and major alteration of buildings or other capital
26 assets, and the acquisition of sites, rights-of-way, easements,
27 improvements or appurtenances, for dormitories, food service
28 facilities, and other self-supporting facilities connected with the
29 operation of the community and technical college in accordance with the
30 provisions of RCW 28B.10.300 through 28B.10.330 where applicable;

31 (7) May establish fees and charges for the facilities authorized
32 hereunder, including reasonable rules and regulations for the
33 government thereof, not inconsistent with the rules of the college
34 board; each board of trustees operating a community and technical
35 college may enter into agreements, subject to rules of the college
36 board, with owners of facilities to be used for housing regarding the
37 management, operation, and government of such facilities, and any board
38 entering into such an agreement may:

1 (a) Make rules for the government, management and operation of such
2 housing facilities deemed necessary or advisable; and

3 (b) Employ necessary employees to govern, manage and operate the
4 same;

5 (8) May receive such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises and
6 bequests of real or personal property from private sources, as may be
7 made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the terms and
8 conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the community and technical
9 college programs as specified by law and the rules of the state college
10 board; sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the same or the
11 proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof according to the terms and
12 conditions thereof; and adopt rules to govern the receipt and
13 expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof;

14 (9) May establish and maintain night schools whenever in the
15 discretion of the board of trustees it is deemed advisable, and
16 authorize classrooms and other facilities to be used for summer or
17 night schools, or for public meetings and for any other uses consistent
18 with the use of such classrooms or facilities for community and
19 technical college purposes;

20 (10) May make rules for pedestrian and vehicular traffic on
21 property owned, operated, or maintained by the district;

22 (11) Shall prescribe, with the assistance of the faculty, the
23 course of study in the various departments of the community and
24 technical college or colleges under its control, and publish such
25 catalogues and bulletins as may become necessary;

26 (12) May grant to every student, upon graduation or completion of
27 a course of study, a suitable diploma, degree, or certificate under the
28 rules of the state board for community and technical colleges that are
29 appropriate to their mission. The purposes of these diplomas,
30 certificates, and degrees are to lead individuals directly to
31 employment in a specific occupation or prepare individuals for a
32 bachelor's degree or beyond. Technical colleges may only offer
33 transfer degrees that prepare students for bachelor's degrees in
34 professional fields, subject to rules adopted by the college board. In
35 adopting rules, the college board, where possible, shall create
36 consistency between community and technical colleges and may address
37 issues related to tuition and fee rates; tuition waivers; enrollment
38 counting, including the use of credits instead of clock hours; degree

1 granting authority; or any other rules necessary to offer the associate
2 degrees that prepare students for transfer to bachelor's degrees in
3 professional areas. Only pilot colleges under RCW 28B.50.810 may award
4 baccalaureate degrees. The board, upon recommendation of the faculty,
5 may also confer honorary associate of arts degrees upon persons other
6 than graduates of the community college, in recognition of their
7 learning or devotion to education, literature, art, or science. No
8 degree may be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the
9 donation of any kind of property;

10 (13) Shall enforce the rules prescribed by the state board for
11 community and technical colleges for the government of community and
12 technical colleges, students and teachers, and adopt such rules and
13 perform all other acts not inconsistent with law or rules of the state
14 board for community and technical colleges as the board of trustees may
15 in its discretion deem necessary or appropriate to the administration
16 of college districts: PROVIDED, That such rules shall include, but not
17 be limited to, rules relating to housing, scholarships, conduct at the
18 various community and technical college facilities, and discipline:
19 PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the board of trustees may suspend or expel from
20 community and technical colleges students who refuse to obey any of the
21 duly adopted rules;

22 (14) May, by written order filed in its office, delegate to the
23 president or district president any of the powers and duties vested in
24 or imposed upon it by this chapter. Such delegated powers and duties
25 may be exercised in the name of the district board;

26 (15) May perform such other activities consistent with this chapter
27 and not in conflict with the directives of the college board;

28 (16) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, may offer
29 educational services on a contractual basis other than the tuition and
30 fee basis set forth in chapter 28B.15 RCW for a special fee to private
31 or governmental entities, consistent with rules adopted by the state
32 board for community and technical colleges: PROVIDED, That the whole
33 of such special fee shall go to the college district and be not less
34 than the full instructional costs of such services including any salary
35 increases authorized by the legislature for community and technical
36 college employees during the term of the agreement: PROVIDED FURTHER,
37 That enrollments generated hereunder shall not be counted toward the

1 official enrollment level of the college district for state funding
2 purposes;

3 (17) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, may offer
4 educational services on a contractual basis, charging tuition and fees
5 as set forth in chapter 28B.15 RCW, counting such enrollments for state
6 funding purposes, and may additionally charge a special supplemental
7 fee when necessary to cover the full instructional costs of such
8 services: PROVIDED, That such contracts shall be subject to review by
9 the state board for community and technical colleges and to such rules
10 as the state board may adopt for that purpose in order to assure that
11 the sum of the supplemental fee and the normal state funding shall not
12 exceed the projected total cost of offering the educational service:
13 PROVIDED FURTHER, That enrollments generated by courses offered on the
14 basis of contracts requiring payment of a share of the normal costs of
15 the course will be discounted to the percentage provided by the
16 college;

17 (18) Shall be authorized to pay dues to any association of trustees
18 that may be formed by the various boards of trustees; such association
19 may expend any or all of such funds to submit biennially, or more often
20 if necessary, to the governor and to the legislature, the
21 recommendations of the association regarding changes which would affect
22 the efficiency of such association;

23 (19) May participate in higher education centers and consortia that
24 involve any four-year public or independent college or university:
25 PROVIDED, That new degree programs or off-campus programs offered by a
26 four-year public or independent college or university in collaboration
27 with a community or technical college are subject to approval by the
28 higher education coordinating board under RCW 28B.76.230; (~~and~~)

29 (20) Shall perform any other duties and responsibilities imposed by
30 law or rule of the state board; and

31 (21) May confer honorary associate of arts degrees upon persons who
32 request an honorary degree if they were students at the college in 1942
33 and did not graduate because they were ordered into an internment camp.
34 The honorary degree may also be requested by a representative of
35 deceased persons who meet these requirements. For the purposes of this
36 subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation center to which

1 persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential Executive Order 9066,
2 signed on February 19, 1942.

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