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Subcommittee on Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to caseload forecasts of common school students;
2 amending RCW 43.88C.010; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that school district
5 budgeting and hiring efforts are assisted by the availability of
6 forecasted enrollment data. The addition of forecasted caseload
7 estimates of students by school district improves a district's ability
8 to plan for the number of certificated instructional staff that will be
9 needed in a given school year.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2012 c 217 s 3 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
13 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
14 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the
15 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
16 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among
17 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers
18 as the members deem necessary.

1 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
2 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
3 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

4 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the
5 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
6 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
7 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
8 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
9 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
10 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of
11 this section.

12 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of
13 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
14 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
15 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
16 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
17 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by
18 the council.

19 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for
20 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
21 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions
22 specified by the member.

23 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
24 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
25 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council
26 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative
27 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
28 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

29 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

30 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement requirements
31 and require the services of public assistance programs, state
32 correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
33 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, (~~the common~~
34 ~~school system,~~) long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
35 adoption support;

36 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
37 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an
38 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; and

1 (c) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement requirements
2 in the common school system, by school district and in total statewide.

3 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
4 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
5 programs as a courtesy.

6 (9) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
7 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

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