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By Representatives Johnson, Appleton, Ross, Chandler, Gregerson, Bergquist, Kagi, Pollet, and Freeman

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging training for medical students,
2 nurses, and medical technicians and assistants to work with adult
3 patients with developmental disabilities; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 28B.77 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The state of Washington promotes improving medical services to
9 adult individuals with developmental disabilities. Medical students at
10 the University of Washington, nursing students at schools of nursing
11 within the state of Washington and Pacific Northwest University -
12 College of Osteopathic Medicine, and special and technical care
13 students at technical schools within the state of Washington would
14 benefit from specialized training and exposure to the unique care needs
15 for adults that are developmentally disabled. Subject to the
16 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the
17 council shall develop a centralized program for grants for institutions
18 for programs designed to develop training projects focused upon
19 improvement of services to adult individuals with developmental

1 disabilities. The council may administer the grant program in
2 consultation with the department of health. The council shall report
3 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2015.
4 The report must include information regarding grants awarded under this
5 section, as well as any other efforts or progress in expanding or
6 improving training for students in treating adult individuals with
7 developmental disabilities.

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