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1 AN ACT Relating to precollege placement measures; and amending RCW
2 28B.50.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.090 and 2011 c 109 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The college board shall have general supervision and control over
7 the state system of community and technical colleges. In addition to
8 the other powers and duties imposed upon the college board by this
9 chapter, the college board shall be charged with the following powers,
10 duties and responsibilities:

11 (1) Review the budgets prepared by the boards of trustees, prepare
12 a single budget for the support of the state system of community and
13 technical colleges and adult education, and submit this budget to the
14 governor as provided in RCW 43.88.090;

15 (2) Establish guidelines for the disbursement of funds; and receive
16 and disburse such funds for adult education and maintenance and
17 operation and capital support of the college districts in conformance
18 with the state and district budgets, and in conformance with chapter
19 43.88 RCW;

1 (3) Ensure, through the full use of its authority:

2 (a) That each college district, in coordination with colleges,
3 within a regional area, shall offer thoroughly comprehensive
4 educational, training, and service programs to meet the needs of both
5 the communities and students served by combining high standards of
6 excellence in academic transfer courses; realistic and practical
7 courses in occupational education, both graded and ungraded; and
8 community services of an educational, cultural, and recreational
9 nature; and adult education, including basic skills and general,
10 family, and workforce literacy programs and services;

11 (b) That each college district shall maintain an open-door policy,
12 to the end that no student will be denied admission because of the
13 location of the student's residence or because of the student's
14 educational background or ability; that, insofar as is practical in the
15 judgment of the college board, curriculum offerings will be provided to
16 meet the educational and training needs of the community generally and
17 the students thereof; and that all students, regardless of their
18 differing courses of study, will be considered, known and recognized
19 equally as members of the student body: PROVIDED, That the
20 administrative officers of a community or technical college may deny
21 admission to a prospective student or attendance to an enrolled student
22 if, in their judgment, the student would not be competent to profit
23 from the curriculum offerings of the college, or would, by his or her
24 presence or conduct, create a disruptive atmosphere within the college
25 not consistent with the purposes of the institution. This subsection
26 (3)(b) shall not apply to competency, conduct, or presence associated
27 with a disability in a person twenty-one years of age or younger
28 attending a technical college;

29 (4) Prepare a comprehensive master plan for the development of
30 community and technical college education and training in the state;
31 and assist the office of financial management in the preparation of
32 enrollment projections to support plans for providing adequate college
33 facilities in all areas of the state. The master plan shall include
34 implementation of the vision, goals, priorities, and strategies in the
35 statewide strategic master plan for higher education under RCW
36 28B.76.200 based on the community and technical college system's role
37 and mission. The master plan shall also contain measurable performance

1 indicators and benchmarks for gauging progress toward achieving the
2 goals and priorities;

3 (5) Define and administer criteria and guidelines for the
4 establishment of new community and technical colleges or campuses
5 within the existing districts;

6 (6) Establish criteria and procedures for modifying district
7 boundary lines and consolidating district structures to form multiple
8 campus districts consistent with the purposes set forth in RCW
9 28B.50.020 as now or hereafter amended and in accordance therewith make
10 such changes as it deems advisable;

11 (7) Establish minimum standards to govern the operation of the
12 community and technical colleges with respect to:

13 (a) Qualifications and credentials of instructional and key
14 administrative personnel, except as otherwise provided in the state
15 plan for vocational education;

16 (b) Internal budgeting, accounting, auditing, and financial
17 procedures as necessary to supplement the general requirements
18 prescribed pursuant to chapter 43.88 RCW;

19 (c) The content of the curriculums and other educational and
20 training programs, and the requirement for degrees and certificates
21 awarded by the colleges;

22 (d) Standard admission policies;

23 (e) Eligibility of courses to receive state fund support; and

24 (f) Common student identifiers such that once a student has
25 enrolled at any community or technical college he or she retains the
26 same student identification upon transfer to any college district;

27 (8) Encourage colleges to use multiple measures to determine
28 whether a student must enroll in a precollege course including, but not
29 limited to, placement tests, the SAT, high school transcripts, college
30 transcripts, or initial class performance, and require colleges to post
31 all the available options for course placement on their web site and in
32 their admissions materials;

33 (9) Establish and administer criteria and procedures for all
34 capital construction including the establishment, installation, and
35 expansion of facilities within the various college districts;

36 ((+9)) (10) Encourage innovation in the development of new
37 educational and training programs and instructional methods; coordinate
38 research efforts to this end; and disseminate the findings thereof;

1 ~~((+10+))~~ (11) Exercise any other powers, duties and
2 responsibilities necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

3 ~~((+11+))~~ (12) Authorize the various community and technical
4 colleges to offer programs and courses in other districts when it
5 determines that such action is consistent with the purposes set forth
6 in RCW 28B.50.020 as now or hereafter amended;

7 ~~((+12+))~~ (13) Notwithstanding any other law or statute regarding
8 the sale of state property, sell or exchange and convey any or all
9 interest in any community and technical college real and personal
10 property, except such property as is received by a college district in
11 accordance with RCW 28B.50.140(8), when it determines that such
12 property is surplus or that such a sale or exchange is in the best
13 interests of the community and technical college system;

14 ~~((+13+))~~ (14) In order that the treasurer for the state board for
15 community and technical colleges appointed in accordance with RCW
16 28B.50.085 may make vendor payments, the state treasurer will honor
17 warrants drawn by the state board providing for an initial advance on
18 July 1, 1982, of the current biennium and on July 1st of each
19 succeeding biennium from the state general fund in an amount equal to
20 twenty-four percent of the average monthly allotment for such budgeted
21 biennium expenditures for the state board for community and technical
22 colleges as certified by the office of financial management; and at the
23 conclusion of such initial month and for each succeeding month of any
24 biennium, the state treasurer will reimburse expenditures incurred and
25 reported monthly by the state board treasurer in accordance with
26 chapter 43.88 RCW: PROVIDED, That the reimbursement to the state board
27 for actual expenditures incurred in the final month of each biennium
28 shall be less the initial advance made in such biennium;

29 ~~((+14+))~~ (15) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection ~~((+12+))~~
30 (13) of this section, may receive such gifts, grants, conveyances,
31 devises, and bequests of real or personal property from private sources
32 as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the
33 terms and conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the community and
34 technical college programs and may sell, lease or exchange, invest or
35 expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof
36 according to the terms and conditions thereof; and adopt regulations to
37 govern the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits and
38 income thereof; and

1 (~~(15)~~) (16) The college board shall have the power of eminent
2 domain.

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