
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6161

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By Senate Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Frockt, Conway, McAuliffe, and Hasegawa; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

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1 AN ACT Relating to including certain residents who do not have a
2 high school diploma or credential and the number of students expected
3 to enroll in basic education for adults courses at community and
4 technical colleges in caseload forecast council forecasting; and
5 amending RCW 43.88C.010 and 43.88C.050.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2015 c 128 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

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

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

19 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of
20 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
21 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each

1 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
2 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
3 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
4 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes
5 of this section.

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

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

17 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
18 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
19 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the
20 council or on official business authorized by the council.
21 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel
22 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

24 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement
25 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,
26 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
27 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common
28 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
29 adoption support;

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

33 (c) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW
34 43.215.405, to participate in, and the number of children actually
35 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

36 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
37 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
38 programs, the number of state residents ages twenty-five to forty-
39 four who do not have a high school diploma or credential, and the

1 number of students expected to enroll in basic education for adults
2 courses at community and technical colleges, as a courtesy.

3 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth
4 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW
5 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster
6 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

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

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.88C.050 and 2015 c 128 s 3 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The caseload forecast council shall appoint a research staff of
12 sufficient size and with sufficient resources to accomplish its
13 duties. The caseload forecast council may request from the
14 administrative office of the courts, the department of early
15 learning, the department of corrections, the health care authority,
16 the superintendent of public instruction, the Washington student
17 achievement council, the department of social and health services,
18 the state board for community and technical colleges, the education
19 data center, and other agencies with caseloads forecasted by the
20 council, such data, information, and data processing assistance as it
21 may need to accomplish its duties, and such services shall be
22 provided without cost to the caseload forecast council.

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