
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6486

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Zeiger, Palumbo, Hasegawa, Wellman, Miloscia, Keiser, Conway, Darneille, O'Ban, Sheldon, Chase, Frockt, Kuderer, and Saldaña)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding registered apprenticeship programs;
2 amending RCW 28B.120.005, 28B.120.010, 28B.120.030, and 28B.120.040;
3 adding new sections to chapter 49.04 RCW; creating a new section; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The apprenticeship council under
7 chapter 49.04 RCW and the workforce training and education
8 coordinating board under RCW 28C.18.020 shall develop a strategic
9 plan focused on apprenticeship. In consultation with the governor's
10 office, the department of labor and industries, the apprenticeship
11 council and the workforce training and education coordinating board
12 shall collaborate with the state board for community and technical
13 colleges, the employment security department, and the office of the
14 superintendent of public instruction to:

- 15 (a) Review existing registered apprenticeship programs;
16 (b) Analyze opportunities to statewide expansion of registered
17 apprenticeship programs and preapprenticeship programs; and
18 (c) Recommend policies to implement strategies that increase
19 registered youth and adult apprenticeships.

20 (2) The apprenticeship council and the workforce training and
21 education coordinating board shall consult individuals from the

1 public and private sectors with expertise in apprenticeships,
2 including representatives of labor unions, professional technical
3 organizations, and business and industry in the development of their
4 recommendations.

5 (3) The apprenticeship work group is established to review the
6 work being done under subsection (1) of this section by the
7 governor's office concerning students' preparation for pathways
8 towards a living wage, to study policy recommendations, and to advise
9 the legislature on a future statewide cross-sector registered
10 apprenticeship system.

11 (a) The work group shall consist of the following members:

12 (i) The chair and ranking members of the senate higher education
13 and workforce development committee;

14 (ii) The chair and ranking members of the house of
15 representatives higher education committee;

16 (iii) The chair and ranking members of the senate labor and
17 commerce committee;

18 (iv) The chair and ranking members of the house of
19 representatives labor and workplace standards committee;

20 (v) One representative from each of the agencies collaborating in
21 subsection (1) of this section;

22 (vi) Two representatives from the governor's office;

23 (vii) Six business representatives from different industry
24 sectors; and

25 (viii) Two representatives with subject matter expertise in
26 apprenticeship models.

27 (b) The work group shall choose two cochairs, one from among its
28 business membership and one representative from state government.

29 (c) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for
30 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
31 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
32 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
33 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
34 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

35 (d) The work group shall meet at least three times before October
36 15, 2018.

37 (4) The work group shall consolidate its findings and
38 recommendations into one report delivered to the governor and the
39 higher education and labor committees of the legislature by October
40 15, 2018.

1 (5) This section expires December 31, 2018.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 Subject to appropriations, the department of labor and industries
5 shall, through the supervisor of apprenticeship, employ a coordinator
6 to do outreach to the private sector and assist industries in
7 establishing registered apprenticeship and training programs where
8 they do not exist. Outreach to the private sector should include but
9 not be limited to employers and employee organizations within the
10 technology, agriculture, aerospace, and outdoor recreation
11 manufacturing industries.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) The complete Washington program is created for the purpose of
15 connecting prior learning, including registered apprenticeships and
16 other skills-based work experience, with postsecondary degree
17 completion. The program will be coordinated by the office of the
18 lieutenant governor, in consultation with the Washington student
19 achievement council and the academic credit for prior learning work
20 group in RCW 28B.77.230. The program shall work to expand
21 postsecondary degree pathways that recognize prior learning in the
22 form of registered apprenticeship programs.

23 (2) Moneys deposited into the student achievement council fund
24 for innovation and quality established in RCW 28B.120.040 may be
25 spent by the student achievement council for the purposes of
26 incentive grants to organizations consistent with the overall goals
27 of the complete Washington program and consistent with the guidelines
28 established by the student achievement council and the office of the
29 lieutenant governor in RCW 28B.120.005.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.120.005 and 2010 c 245 s 6 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 The legislature finds that encouraging collaboration among the
33 various (~~educational~~) sectors to meet statewide productivity and
34 educational attainment needs as described in the system design plan
35 developed by the (~~higher education coordinating board~~) student
36 achievement council and the office of the lieutenant governor will
37 strengthen the entire educational system through to careers, from

1 kindergarten through twelfth grade (~~and~~), to higher education or
2 registered apprenticeships. The legislature also recognizes that the
3 most effective way to develop innovative and collaborative programs
4 is to encourage institutions to develop them voluntarily, in line
5 with established state goals. Through a system of competitive grants,
6 the legislature shall encourage the development of innovative and
7 collaborative and cost-effective solutions to issues of critical
8 statewide need, including:

9 (1) Raising educational attainment and access to occupation-
10 oriented learning through planning and piloting innovative
11 initiatives to reach new locations and populations;

12 (2) Recognizing needs of special populations of students,
13 including access and completion efforts targeting underrepresented
14 populations;

15 (3) Furthering the development of learner-centered, technology-
16 assisted course delivery, including expansion of online and hybrid
17 coursework, open courseware, and other uses of technology in order to
18 effectively and efficiently share costs, improve the quality of
19 instruction and student, faculty, and administrative services,
20 increase undergraduate and graduate student access, retention, and
21 graduation, and to enhance transfer capability;

22 (4) Furthering the development of competency-based measurements
23 of student achievement to be used as the basis for awarding degrees
24 and certificates;

25 (5) Increasing the collaboration among both public and private
26 sector institutions of higher education; (~~and~~)

27 (6) Expanding postsecondary degree pathways that recognize prior
28 learning in the form of registered apprenticeship programs; and

29 (7) Improving productivity through innovations such as
30 accelerated programs and alternative scheduling.

31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.120.010 and 2012 c 229 s 571 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The Washington fund for innovation and quality in higher
34 education program is established. The student achievement council
35 shall administer the program and shall work in close collaboration
36 with the office of the lieutenant governor, the state board for
37 community and technical colleges, and other local and regional
38 entities. Through this program the student achievement council may
39 award on a competitive basis incentive grants to state public or

1 private nonprofit institutions of higher education or consortia of
2 institutions to encourage programs designed to address specific
3 system problems. Each institution or consortia of institutions
4 receiving the award shall contribute some financial support, either
5 by covering part of the costs for the program during its
6 implementation, or by assuming continuing support at the end of the
7 grant period. Strong priority will be given to proposals that involve
8 more than one sector of education or workforce development.
9 Institutions are encouraged to solicit nonstate funds to support
10 these cooperative programs.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.120.030 and 2012 c 229 s 574 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The student achievement council and the ~~((state board for~~
14 ~~community and technical colleges))~~ office of the lieutenant governor
15 may solicit and receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from
16 public or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust
17 or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the program
18 and may expend the same or any income therefrom according to the
19 terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

20 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.120.040 and 2012 c 229 s 575 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 The student achievement council fund for innovation and quality
23 is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The
24 student achievement council and the office of the lieutenant governor
25 shall deposit in the fund all moneys received under RCW 28B.120.030.
26 Moneys in the fund may be spent only for the purposes of RCW
27 28B.120.010 ~~((and))~~, 28B.120.020, and the complete Washington program
28 in section 3 of this act. Disbursements from the fund shall be on the
29 authorization of the student achievement council. The fund is subject
30 to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
31 appropriation is required for disbursements.

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