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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding new sections to chapter
2 28B.50 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating new
3 sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 provide:

7 (1) Training and retraining opportunities for timber workers;

8 (2) Additional opportunities for dislocated timber workers and
9 residents of timber-distressed counties to attend local community
10 colleges;

11 (3) Educational opportunities to displaced timber workers who
12 reside in areas where access to a four-year institution of higher
13 education is not available;

14 (4) Educational opportunities in those communities that are most
15 severely impacted by job losses in the timber industry; and

1 (5) A means for dislocated timber workers to remain gainfully
2 employed within their communities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
6 this section apply throughout sections 3 through 7 of this act.

7 (1) "Board" means the state board for community college education.

8 (2) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who: (a) Has
9 been terminated or received a notice of termination from employment in
10 a timber-related occupation within standard industrial code 024; and
11 (b) at the time of last separation from employment, resided in or was
12 employed in a timber-distressed county.

13 (3) "Timber-dependent community" means a county, city, or town
14 located in a county meeting two of the following three criteria for the
15 most recent year such data is available: (a) A lumber and wood
16 products employment location quotient at or above the state average,
17 (b) a direct lumber and wood products job loss of one hundred or more,
18 or (c) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent above the state
19 average.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The state board for community college education shall administer a
23 program designed to provide higher education opportunities to
24 dislocated timber workers or their spouses. In administering the
25 program, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

26 (1) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
27 design and funding distribution;

1 (2) Allocate funding to community colleges attended by eligible
2 dislocated timber workers;

3 (3) Monitor the program and report on students' progress and
4 outcome; and

5 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the status of
6 the program.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 In addition to the community college enrollment level funded by the
10 omnibus appropriations act for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, the
11 community college system is authorized to serve two hundred fifty full-
12 time equivalent students in fiscal year 1992 and five hundred full-time
13 equivalent students in fiscal year 1993. Under this program, the
14 community colleges shall waive the tuition, services, and activities
15 fees for dislocated timber workers or their spouses, enrolled as one of
16 the full-time equivalent students allocated under this section, who do
17 not receive federal tuition assistance for retraining, provided the
18 dislocated timber worker provides verification of the following
19 conditions:

20 (1) The dislocated timber worker, within the five years before
21 enrolling as a student, was employed in the timber industry on a full-
22 time basis for at least six months each year; and

23 (2) The unemployment of the dislocated timber worker is due to
24 reduction in work force and not misconduct of the timber worker;
25 The dislocated timber workers or their spouses are eligible to receive
26 waivers for a total of six quarters within a two-year time period and
27 must be enrolled for a minimum of ten credits per quarter.

28 Dislocated timber workers or their spouses shall receive priority
29 for the full-time equivalent student allocations authorized under this

1 section. Funding for any full-time equivalent student enrollment
2 allocations that are unused by June 30, 1993, shall lapse.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The higher education coordinating board shall administer a program
6 designed to provide upper division higher education opportunities to
7 dislocated timber workers, their spouses, and others in
8 timber-distressed counties. In administering the program, the board
9 shall have the following powers and duties:

10 (1) Distribute funding for an institution of higher education to
11 service Clallam county;

12 (2) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
13 design and future project selection;

14 (3) Monitor the program and report on student progress and outcome;
15 and

16 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the status of
17 the program.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 In consultation with Peninsula College, the higher education
21 coordinating board shall contract with an institution of higher
22 education to provide upper division classes to serve fifty full-time
23 equivalent students per year in Clallam county. The institution shall
24 utilize telecommunication technology, if available, to carry out the
25 purposes of this section. The institution providing the service shall
26 waive the tuition, service, and activities fees for dislocated timber
27 workers or their spouses enrolled as one of the full-time equivalent
28 students allocated to the college under this section, provided the

1 dislocated timber worker provides verification of the following
2 conditions:

3 (1) The dislocated timber worker, within the five years before
4 enrolling as a student, was employed in the timber industry on a full-
5 time basis for at least six months of each year; and

6 (2) The unemployment of the dislocated timber worker is due to
7 reduction in work force and not misconduct of the timber worker;

8 The dislocated timber worker or his or her spouse is eligible to
9 receive waivers for a total of four semesters or six quarters within a
10 two-year time period and must be enrolled for a minimum of ten credits
11 per semester or quarter.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Dislocated timber workers and their spouses shall receive priority
15 for attendance in upper division courses allocated under section 6 of
16 this act, offered in Clallam county. Remaining allocations may be
17 distributed to others in the timber-dependent community.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act shall expire July 1, 1995.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
22 effect immediately.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If by June 30, 1991, the omnibus
24 operating budget appropriations act for the 1991-93 biennium does not
25 provide specific funding for this act, referencing this act by bill
26 number, this act is null and void.