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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the proportion
8 of the state budget dedicated to postsecondary educational programs has
9 decreased for two decades. At the same time, major technological,
10 economic, and demographic changes have exacerbated the need for
11 improved training and education to maintain a high-quality, competitive
12 work force, and a well-educated populace to meet the challenges of the
13 twenty-first century. Therefore, the legislature finds that there is
14 increasing need for postsecondary educational opportunities for
15 citizens of the state of Washington.

16 The legislature declares that the policy of the state of Washington
17 shall be to improve the access to, and the quality of, this state's
18 postsecondary educational system. The budgetary policy of the state of
19 Washington shall be to provide a level of protection and commitment to
20 the state's postsecondary educational system commensurate with the
21 responsibility of this state to the educational and professional
22 improvement of its citizens and work force.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is the policy of the state of Washington
24 that the essential requirements level budget calculation for
25 institutions of higher education include enrollment levels necessary to
26 maintain, by educational sector, the participation rate funded in the
27 1993 fiscal year. The participation rate shall be based on the state's
28 estimated population ages seventeen and above by appropriate age
29 groups.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** It is the policy of the state of Washington
31 that the governor and legislature, in their budget deliberations,
32 consider adding sufficient incremental enrollment increases to achieve,
33 by the year 2010, the goals, by educational sector, adopted by the
34 higher education coordinating board in its enrollment plan entitled

1 "Design for the 21st Century: Expanding Higher Education Opportunities
2 in Washington." In the biennial operating budget documents submitted
3 to the legislature, the governor shall display information on the
4 number of additional students necessary and the amount of money needed
5 to fund these incremental enrollment increases.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The participation rate used to calculate
7 enrollment levels under sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be based on
8 fall enrollment reported in the higher education enrollment report as
9 maintained by the office of financial management, fall enrollment as
10 reported in the management information system of the state board for
11 community and technical colleges, and the corresponding fall population
12 forecast by the office of financial management. Formal estimates of
13 the state participation rates and enrollment levels necessary to
14 fulfill the requirements of sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be
15 determined by the office of financial management as part of its
16 responsibility to develop and maintain student enrollment forecasts for
17 colleges and universities under RCW 43.62.050. Formal estimates of the
18 state participation rates and enrollment levels required by this
19 section shall be based on procedures and standards established by a
20 technical work group consisting of staff from the higher education
21 coordinating board, the state board for community and technical
22 colleges, the fiscal and higher education committees of the house of
23 representatives and the senate, and the office of financial management.
24 Formal estimates of the state participation rates and enrollment levels
25 required by this section shall be submitted to the fiscal committees of
26 the house of representatives and senate on or before November 15th of
27 each even-numbered year. The higher education coordinating board shall
28 periodically review the enrollment goals set forth in sections 2 and 3
29 of this act and submit recommendations concerning modification of these
30 goals to the governor and to the higher education committees of the
31 house of representatives and the senate.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** It is the policy of the state of Washington
33 that financial need not be a barrier to participation in the state
34 higher education system. In order to implement that policy, the higher
35 education coordinating board shall restructure the state's financial
36 aid programs into a comprehensive program known as college promise. In
37 restructuring the programs, the board shall follow these goals:

1 (1) For all need-based financial aid programs under RCW 28B.10.790
2 through 28B.10.824 and chapters 28B.12 and 28B.101 RCW:

3 (a) Through a mix of federal, state, and other resources:

4 (i) Limit the debt of an undergraduate student to no more than one-
5 half of a student's cost of attendance; and

6 (ii) Provide more self-help opportunities than grant aid to middle-
7 income students, and approximately equal amounts of self-help
8 opportunities and grant aid to low-income and lower middle-income
9 students. Self-help opportunities include work study and loans;

10 (b) In determining eligibility for state financial aid programs,
11 shelter home equity on a family's principal place of residence, and
12 shelter a reasonable portion of savings and farm or business net worth,
13 each insofar as is permissible under state and federal law;

14 (c) Consistent with federal law, simplify the financial aid
15 application process;

16 (d) Strive to preserve a range of educational options for needy
17 students, including choice of institutions and programs;

18 (e) Recognize otherwise unfunded equipment and assistance needed to
19 accommodate students with disabilities reasonably;

20 (f) Deliver clear and timely information to current and future
21 postsecondary students about the costs of attending college and
22 available financial aid; and

23 (g) Classify needy students by family income levels based on the
24 state's median income for a family of four, adjusted annually for
25 family size and changes in the state's median income. The
26 classification system shall be as follows:

27 (i) Low income means zero to fifty percent of the state's median
28 income;

29 (ii) Lower middle income means fifty-one to seventy-five percent of
30 the state's median income; and

31 (iii) Middle income means seventy-six to one hundred twenty-five
32 percent of the state's median income.

33 (2) For the state need grant program under RCW 28B.10.790 through
34 28B.10.824: As funds are available, expand the program to include new
35 populations of resident students in the following priority order,
36 ensuring that undergraduate students with the most demonstrated
37 financial need receive full grants before less needy students receive
38 any grant:

39 (a) Low-income undergraduates;

- 1 (b) Lower middle-income undergraduates;
2 (c) Middle-income undergraduates; and
3 (d) Resident graduate and professional students, following the
4 income priorities established for undergraduate students.

5 (3) For the state work study program under chapter 28B.12 RCW:
6 Increase employment opportunities including off-campus job
7 opportunities with off-campus community service employers.

8 (4) For students whose parents did not complete a higher education
9 degree or certificate: Determine the feasibility of providing grants
10 to needy first generation scholars.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.15.515 and 1991 c 353 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) The boards of trustees of the community college districts may
14 operate summer schools on either a self-supporting or a state-funded
15 basis.

16 If summer school is operated on a self-supporting basis, the fees
17 charged shall be retained by the colleges, and shall be sufficient to
18 cover the direct costs, which are instructional salaries and related
19 benefits, supplies, publications, and records.

20 Community colleges that have self-supporting summer schools shall
21 continue to receive general fund state support for vocational programs
22 that require that students enroll in a four quarter sequence of courses
23 that includes summer quarter due to clinical or laboratory requirements
24 and for ungraded courses limited to adult basic education, vocational
25 apprenticeship, aging and retirement, small business management,
26 industrial first aid, and parent education.

27 (2)~~((a))~~ The board of trustees of a community college district
28 may permit the district's state-funded, full-time equivalent enrollment
29 level, as provided in the operating budget appropriations act, to vary
30 ~~((by plus or minus two percent each fiscal year unless otherwise
31 authorized in the operating budget appropriations act))~~. If the
32 variance is above the state-funded level, the district may charge those
33 students above the state-funded level a fee equivalent to the amount of
34 tuition and fees that are charged students enrolled in state-funded
35 courses. These fees shall be retained by the colleges.

36 ~~((b) Any community college that in 1990-91 has an enrollment above
37 the state-funded level but below the authorized variance may increase
38 its excess enrollments to within the variance.~~

1 ~~(c) Community colleges that currently have excess enrollments more~~
2 ~~than the authorized variance, by means of enrollments that would have~~
3 ~~otherwise been eligible for state funding, shall reduce those excess~~
4 ~~enrollments to within the authorized variance by September 1, 1995, in~~
5 ~~at least equal annual reductions, commencing with the 1991-92 fiscal~~
6 ~~year.~~

7 ~~(d) Except as permitted by (c) of this subsection, should the~~
8 ~~number of student supported, full-time equivalent enrollments in any~~
9 ~~fiscal year fall outside the authorized variance, the college shall~~
10 ~~return by September 1st to the state general fund, an amount equal to~~
11 ~~the college's full average state appropriations per full-time~~
12 ~~equivalent student for such student-funded full-time equivalent outside~~
13 ~~the variance, unless otherwise provided in the operating budget~~
14 ~~appropriations act.))~~

15 (3) The state board for community and technical colleges
16 ((education)) shall ensure compliance with this section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each
18 added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** 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 July 1, 1993."

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