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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education students' concerns; creating a
2 new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Each president of an institution of
5 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 shall convene a task
6 force to address the issues of concern to students on every major
7 campus of the institution. The task force shall provide a forum for
8 students to work in a collaborative environment with the administration
9 of their college or university to identify and resolve problems
10 identified by the students.

11 (2) The council of presidents and the state board for community and
12 technical colleges shall coordinate the development of a format for
13 reporting the results of the task forces for their respective
14 institutions. The institutions shall report to the senate and house of
15 representatives committees on higher education as follows: (a) By June
16 30, 1994, a preliminary report on the establishment of the task forces
17 and a process for identifying student issues; (b) by November 30, 1994,
18 an interim report including the identification of the three priority
19 issues for the students of each institution; and (c) by January 7,

1 1995, a final report from each four-year institution and the community
2 and technical college system. The final report shall identify issues
3 that have been resolved, those that can be resolved through a continued
4 institutional conversation, and those issues that may need legislative
5 attention. The final report for the community and technical college
6 system shall identify up to five issues of common concern to students
7 in that system. The final report shall also include a recommendation
8 from the state board for community and technical colleges and the
9 council of presidents on the feasibility of creating an ongoing process
10 for addressing and reporting issues of student concern on individual
11 campuses and for the two-year and four-year systems.

12 (3) When selecting members of each institution's task force, the
13 following groups shall make appointments from their membership: The
14 associated student government organization, the governing boards, the
15 faculty senate, student services, administration, student legislative
16 liaisons, representatives from services and activities fees committees,
17 Washington association of community college students, Washington
18 student lobby, graduate and professional student association, and
19 government relations personnel. Other organizations or individuals may
20 be included as appropriate.

21 (4) Issues to be discussed by the members of the task forces may
22 include but are not limited to:

- 23 (a) Services and activities fees;
- 24 (b) The right of students to lobby for student issues;
- 25 (c) Voluntary fees;
- 26 (d) Student membership on the governing boards;
- 27 (e) Student participation in the process for adopting special fees
28 such as for special programs, computer access, health fees, or late
29 fees;
- 30 (f) The role of teaching in the tenure process;
- 31 (g) A process for discussing emerging issues with the students;
- 32 (h) Installment payments for tuition;
- 33 (i) Guaranteed tuition rate;
- 34 (j) Housing;
- 35 (k) The establishment of a financial aid trust;
- 36 (l) Undergraduate advising;
- 37 (m) Child care; and
- 38 (n) Campus safety.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect immediately.

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