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1 AN ACT Relating to a state-wide work-based learning program for
2 youth; adding a new chapter to Title 28C RCW; creating a new section;
3 making an appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This chapter shall be known and may be cited
6 as the work-based learning for youth program.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is the purpose of this chapter to
8 strengthen the economy to expand educational opportunities for youth by
9 supporting efforts to increase the supply of skilled workers. It is
10 the intent of this chapter to enhance the career options and earning
11 potential of students by building an industry-driven, competency-based
12 learning system that integrates academic, vocational, and technical
13 education programs to link school and work experiences directly and to
14 improve the relevance of school-based education programs to the world
15 of work.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Unless the context clearly requires
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
3 chapter.

4 (1) "Competency standards" means specific statements describing
5 what standards a participant in a work-based learning for youth program
6 must meet before completing the program.

7 (2) "Local educational organization" means a school district or
8 group of school districts, individual school or group of schools, or an
9 educational service district.

10 (3) "Office" means the office of the superintendent of public
11 instruction.

12 (4) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public
13 instruction.

14 (5) "Worksite experience" means that part of the work-based
15 learning for youth program conducted at an employer-supervised
16 worksite.

17 (6) "Work-based learning for youth program" means a competency-
18 based program for youth that coordinates and integrates classroom
19 instruction with a structured, work-based employment experience in
20 which the participant remains a student and receives training in a
21 skilled occupational area or occupational cluster.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Subject to the restrictions contained in
23 this chapter, the office shall solicit and approve applications from
24 local educational organizations throughout the state for funds that the
25 local organization will use to develop and implement work-based
26 learning programs for youth.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The office shall approve those
28 applications for funds that meet the minimum standards set forth in
29 this chapter, that will best serve the intent of this chapter to link
30 school and work experiences directly in order to enhance the skills and
31 employment opportunities of youth, and that are consistent with the
32 state comprehensive plan for work force training and education prepared
33 by the work force training and education coordinating board.

34 (2) The office may not approve any application for more than fifty
35 thousand dollars.

1 (3) The office may receive applications for funds at any time.
2 However, no funds may be disbursed to local organizations before July
3 1, 1994.

4 (4) The office may not approve more than one application per local
5 educational organization per biennium.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Each application to the office shall
7 include:

8 (1) A detailed description of the proposed work-based learning for
9 youth program, including the specific activities to be carried out as
10 part of the program and identification of those responsible for each
11 activity;

12 (2) Budget plans for the program and additional anticipated
13 sources of funding, including private grants and contributions, if any;

14 (3) A description of the evaluation and accountability processes
15 to be used to measure school-wide student and program performance;

16 (4) A list of and justification for any request for waiver of
17 specific state statutes or administrative rules;

18 (5) A written statement that school directors and administrators
19 are willing to exempt the school or schools from specifically
20 identified local rules, as needed;

21 (6) A written statement that the school directors and the local
22 bargaining agents will modify those portions of their local agreements
23 as applicable for the local organization's program;

24 (7) An indication of the number of students likely to be served
25 by the program and how they will be selected;

26 (8) A description of the in-service education to be provided
27 school-based faculty and worksite supervisors participating in the
28 program; and

29 (9) Any other information the office considers appropriate to
30 determine which proposed program would best serve the intent of this
31 chapter.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** In addition to the information provided in
33 section 6 of this act, in awarding funds pursuant to section 4 of this
34 act the office shall consider the extent to which:

35 (1) Secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, business, and
36 labor have cooperated in the preparation of the proposal and would

1 cooperate in the development and implementation of the work-based
2 learning for youth program;

3 (2) The local organization has acquired or has access to funds in
4 addition to those that would be received from the office under section
5 4 of this act to use in the development and implementation of a work-
6 based learning for youth program;

7 (3) The proposed program would serve a diversity of students and
8 student career interests;

9 (4) Participating businesses are in growth industries and
10 industries where students would otherwise have little opportunity;

11 (5) The local organization demonstrates the capacity and commitment
12 to continue the work-based learning for youth program after expenditure
13 of funds awarded under section 4 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Programs funded under section 4 of this act
15 shall be established and operated within the following program
16 guidelines:

17 (1) Participating businesses shall be responsible for providing
18 participating youth with employment positions, a skilled mentor, a
19 structured work experience, and a stipend for the time the youth is at
20 the worksite. Compensation received shall never be less than the state
21 minimum wage, based upon the number of hours of actual work experience.

22 (2) No participating youth may displace a regular employee of a
23 participating employer.

24 (3) Programs shall be governed by a contract approved by the
25 participating youth, the youth's parent or legal guardian, the
26 participating employer, and an education representative.

27 (4) Participating youth shall be exempt from the standards
28 established under chapter 49.12 RCW governing the employment of minors.

29 (5) Completion of the program shall be determined by meeting state
30 competency standards as determined by the commission on student
31 learning under section 9 of this act and assessed by the school
32 district.

33 (6) Instruction shall include a combination of classroom and actual
34 workplace learning. Workplace experience shall account for a minimum
35 of forty percent of the total instruction provided over the life of the
36 work-based learning for youth program. Yearly percentages may vary
37 during the program.

1 (7) Instruction shall include academic and skill training
2 consistent with essential learning requirements and assessment outcomes
3 adopted by the commission on student learning.

4 (8) Actual instructional activities shall be determined locally by
5 program operators. Activities should emphasize work-based learning,
6 integrated academics, team teaching, and other strategies that will
7 permit the participating youth to meet the state competency standards.

8 (9) Work-based learning for youth programs may extend for as many
9 as four years.

10 (10) Students may enroll in work-based learning for youth programs
11 beginning in grade eleven.

12 (11) Articulation agreements between secondary schools and
13 postsecondary institutions shall be negotiated for the postsecondary
14 years.

15 (12) Upon completion of the work-based learning for youth program,
16 each student shall receive a diploma and a skill certificate.
17 Graduates may also receive an associate degree or other certifications
18 dependent upon their program.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The commission on student learning shall
20 establish state-wide competency standards to assess student progress
21 towards completion of local work-based learning for youth programs.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) The superintendent may accept,
23 receive, and administer for the purposes of this chapter such gifts,
24 grants, and contributions as may be provided from public and private
25 sources for the purposes of this chapter.

26 (2) The work-based learning for youth program account is hereby
27 established in the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent
28 shall deposit in the account all moneys received under this section.
29 Moneys in the account may be spent only for the purposes of this
30 chapter. Disbursements from the account shall be on the authorization
31 of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The account is
32 subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW,
33 but no appropriation is required for disbursements.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The state board of education, where
35 appropriate, or the superintendent, where appropriate, may grant

1 waivers to pilot project districts consistent with law if necessary to
2 implement a pilot project proposal.

3 (2) State rules dealing with public health, safety, and civil
4 rights, including accessibility by the handicapped, shall not be
5 waived. A school district may request the state board of education or
6 the superintendent to ask the United States department of education or
7 other federal agencies to waive certain federal regulations necessary
8 to fully implement the proposed pilot project.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** (1) The superintendent, in coordination
10 with the state board for community and technical colleges, the work
11 force training and education coordinating board, and the higher
12 education coordinating board, shall provide technical assistance to
13 program applicants and participating local organizations, and shall
14 develop a process that coordinates and facilitates linkages among
15 participating secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, and
16 businesses.

17 (2) The superintendent and the state board of education may adopt
18 rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to implement its duties
19 under this chapter.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** (1) The superintendent shall report to the
21 legislature and the work force training and education coordinating
22 board on the progress of the work-based learning for youth program by
23 December 15th of each odd-numbered year.

24 (2) Each local education organization selected to participate in
25 the work-based learning for youth program shall submit an annual report
26 to the superintendent on the progress of the pilot project as a
27 condition of receipt of continued funding. The superintendent, through
28 the state clearinghouse for education information, shall collect and
29 disseminate to all school districts and other interested parties
30 information about the work-based learning for youth programs.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** This chapter shall expire June 30, 1999.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Sections 1 through 14 of this act shall
33 constitute a new chapter in Title 28C RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** If any provision of this act or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** If any part of this act is found to be in
6 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
7 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
8 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
9 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
10 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
11 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal
12 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
13 funds by the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** The sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or
15 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
16 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the superintendent of
17 public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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