
SENATE BILL 6717

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By Senators West and Prince

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1 AN ACT Relating to institutions of higher education; amending RCW
2 28B.45.050, 28B.10.029, 28B.130.020, and 43.01.236; adding new sections
3 to chapter 28B.35 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW
4 28B.25.010, 28B.25.020, 28B.25.030, 28B.25.033, 28B.15.037, 28B.25.040,
5 28B.25.050, 28B.25.070, 28B.25.075, 28B.25.090, 28B.25.100, and
6 28B.25.900.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.45.050 and 1991 c 205 s 11 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Washington State University (~~and Eastern Washington University~~
11 ~~are~~) is responsible for providing upper-division and graduate level
12 higher education programs to the citizens of ~~((the))~~ Spokane ~~((area))~~,
13 under rules or guidelines adopted by the ~~((joint center for higher~~
14 ~~education. However, before any degree is authorized under this section~~
15 ~~it shall be subject to the review and approval of the))~~ higher
16 education coordinating board. Washington State University shall meet
17 ~~((its))~~ that responsibility through the operation of a branch campus in
18 ~~((the))~~ Spokane ~~((area. Eastern Washington University shall meet its~~

1 responsibility through the operation of programs and facilities in
2 Spokane)).

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.35 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The higher education coordinating board shall evaluate all degree
6 programs offered on the effective date of this section through Eastern
7 Washington University that are not located on the Cheney campus. The
8 board shall determine whether to continue approval for any such
9 programs under RCW 28B.80.340.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.35 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Housing or a housing allowance may only be provided for the
13 president of a public four-year institution of higher education who
14 resides in the location where the institution is designated under RCW
15 28B.20.010, 28B.30.010, 28B.35.010, and 28B.40.010.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.029 and 1996 c 110 s 5 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) An institution of higher education may exercise independently
19 those powers otherwise granted to the director of general
20 administration in chapter 43.19 RCW in connection with the purchase and
21 disposition of all material, supplies, services, and equipment needed
22 for the support, maintenance, and use of the respective institution of
23 higher education. Property disposition policies followed by
24 institutions of higher education shall be consistent with policies
25 followed by the department of general administration. Purchasing
26 policies and procedures followed by institutions of higher education
27 shall be in compliance with chapters 39.19, 39.29, and 43.03 RCW, and
28 RCW 43.19.1901, 43.19.1906, 43.19.1911, 43.19.1917, 43.19.1937,
29 43.19.534, 43.19.685, 43.19.700 through 43.19.704, and 43.19.550
30 through 43.19.637. The community and technical colleges shall comply
31 with RCW 43.19.450. Except for the University of Washington,
32 institutions of higher education shall comply with RCW 43.19.1935,
33 43.19.19363, and 43.19.19368. If an institution of higher education
34 can satisfactorily demonstrate to the director of the office of
35 financial management that the cost of compliance is greater than the
36 value of benefits from any of the following statutes, then it shall be

1 exempt from them: RCW 43.19.685; 43.19.534; and 43.19.637. Any
2 institution of higher education that chooses to exercise independent
3 purchasing authority for a commodity or group of commodities shall
4 notify the director of general administration. Thereafter the director
5 of general administration shall not be required to provide those
6 services for that institution for the duration of the general
7 administration contract term for that commodity or group of
8 commodities.

9 (2) An institution of higher education may exercise independently
10 those powers otherwise granted to the public printer in chapter 43.78
11 RCW in connection with the production or purchase of any printing and
12 binding needed by the respective institution of higher education.
13 Purchasing policies and procedures followed by institutions of higher
14 education shall be in compliance with chapter 39.19 RCW. Any
15 institution of higher education that chooses to exercise independent
16 printing production or purchasing authority shall notify the public
17 printer. Thereafter the public printer shall not be required to
18 provide those services for that institution.

19 ~~((3) For the purposes of this section, an "institution of higher
20 education" shall include the joint center for higher education created
21 in chapter 28B.25 RCW when the joint center for higher education is
22 contracting with another institution of higher education that is acting
23 as the sole agent for purchasing and disposing of material, supplies,
24 services, and equipment, and for procuring printing or binding
25 services.))~~

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.130.020 and 1997 c 273 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) The governing board of an institution of higher education as
29 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may impose either a voluntary or a mandatory
30 transportation fee on employees and on students at the institution.
31 The board of ~~((the joint center for higher education under chapter
32 28B.25 RCW))~~ regents of Washington State University may impose either
33 a voluntary or a mandatory transportation fee on faculty and staff
34 working at the Riverpoint higher education park and on students
35 attending classes there. The transportation fee shall be used solely
36 to fund transportation demand management programs that reduce the
37 demand for campus and neighborhood parking, and promote alternatives to
38 single-occupant vehicle driving. If the board charges a mandatory

1 transportation fee to students, it shall charge a mandatory
2 transportation fee to employees. The transportation fee for employees
3 may exceed, but shall not be lower than the transportation fee charged
4 to students. The transportation fee for employees may be deducted from
5 the employees' paychecks. The transportation fee for students may be
6 imposed annually, or each academic term. For students attending
7 community colleges and technical colleges, the mandatory transportation
8 fee shall not exceed sixty percent of the maximum rate permitted for
9 services and activities fees at community colleges, unless, through a
10 vote, a majority of students consent to increase the transportation
11 fee. For students attending four-year institutions of higher education
12 or classes at the Riverpoint higher education park, the mandatory
13 transportation fee shall not exceed thirty-five percent of the maximum
14 rate permitted for services and activities fees at the institution
15 where the student is enrolled unless, through a vote, a majority of
16 students consents to increase the transportation fee. The board may
17 make a limited number of exceptions to the fee based on a policy
18 adopted by the board.

19 (2) The board of (~~the joint center for higher education under~~
20 ~~chapter 28B.25 RCW~~) trustees of Washington State University shall not
21 impose a transportation fee on any student who is already paying a
22 transportation fee to the institution of higher education in which the
23 student is enrolled.

24 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.01.236 and 1997 c 273 s 3 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 All institutions of higher education as defined under RCW
27 28B.10.016 (~~and the joint center for higher education under chapter~~
28 ~~28B.25 RCW~~) are exempt from the requirements under RCW 43.01.240.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** On July 1, 1998, title to or all interest in
30 real estate and other assets, including but not limited to assignable
31 contracts, cash equipment, buildings, facilities, and appurtenances
32 related to Riverpoint park, except for the area of real property
33 defined as the approximate two and one-half acres bounded by the
34 Spokane river, Trent Avenue, and Riverpoint Boulevard shall be
35 transferred from the joint center for higher education to Washington
36 State University.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
2 repealed:

3 (1) RCW 28B.25.010 and 1991 c 205 s 2 & 1985 c 370 s 97;

4 (2) RCW 28B.25.020 and 1996 c 110 s 1, 1991 c 205 s 3, 1989 1st
5 ex.s. c 7 s 11, & 1985 c 370 s 98;

6 (3) RCW 28B.25.030 and 1996 c 110 s 2, 1991 c 205 s 4, & 1985 c 370
7 s 99;

8 (4) RCW 28B.25.033 and 1996 c 110 s 6 & 1991 c 205 s 5;

9 (5) RCW 28B.15.037 and 1991 c 205 s 6;

10 (6) RCW 28B.25.040 and 1991 c 205 s 7 & 1985 c 370 s 100;

11 (7) RCW 28B.25.050 and 1991 c 205 s 8 & 1985 c 370 s 101;

12 (8) RCW 28B.25.070 and 1991 c 205 s 9;

13 (9) RCW 28B.25.075 and 1997 c 273 s 1;

14 (10) RCW 28B.25.090 and 1996 c 110 s 3;

15 (11) RCW 28B.25.100 and 1996 c 110 s 4; and

16 (12) RCW 28B.25.900 and 1991 c 205 s 13.

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