
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2591

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Sells, and Jarrett)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the acquisition and dissemination of data
2 regarding institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.76.290 and
3 28B.76.020; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.290 and 1993 c 77 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The board shall coordinate educational activities among all
8 segments of higher education taking into account the educational
9 programs, facilities, and other resources of both public and
10 independent two and four-year colleges and universities. The four-year
11 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges
12 shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board
13 shall have the following additional responsibilities:

- 14 (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;
- 15 (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year
16 institutions, including a requirement that coursework in American sign
17 language or an American Indian language shall satisfy any requirement
18 for instruction in a language other than English that the board or the

1 institutions may establish as a general undergraduate admissions
2 requirement;

3 (3) Establish transfer policies;

4 (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;

5 (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering
6 states and the province of British Columbia;

7 (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for
8 administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty
9 using comparative data from peer institutions;

10 (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all
11 relevant state policies for higher education;

12 (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or
13 between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the
14 request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request
15 of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The
16 decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the
17 dispute;

18 (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting,
19 analyzing, and distributing information;

20 (10) In partnership with the education data center and the state
21 board for community and technical colleges, by December 1, 2008,
22 display the following measures in the dashboard template format, as
23 developed in this section, on the education data center's web site. To
24 the extent possible, all measures in this subsection (10) shall be able
25 to be viewed by race and ethnicity, gender, state and county of origin,
26 and age:

27 (a) Student enrollment that may include measures such as state and
28 county of residence, student level, and full or part-time;

29 (b) Total degrees and certificates awarded;

30 (c) Financial aid awards for each institution that may include
31 measures such as funding source, for example, state or federal, and
32 program, such as opportunity grant, state need grant, or Pell grant;

33 (d) Remedial education courses attempted and completed;

34 (e) English as a second language (ESL) courses attempted and
35 completed; and

36 (f) High school dual credit programs;

37 (11) In partnership with the education data center, jointly convene
38 a work group that includes representatives from the public institutions

1 of higher education, the state board for community and technical
2 colleges, the workforce training education and coordinating board, the
3 council of presidents, the government management accountability and
4 performance program, the higher education policy committees of the
5 legislature, and the employment security department, to develop the
6 following:

7 (a) A uniform dashboard template, to be displayed on the web site
8 of the education data center, that organizes and presents data
9 including, but not limited to, measures identified in this subsection
10 (11) and subsection (10) of this section. The template may be tailored
11 in visual presentation to meet the needs of specific constituent
12 groups, for example students, researchers and analysts, or the general
13 public. The template must be completed, populated with data, and
14 displayed on the education data center's home page by December 1, 2008;

15 (b) By June 1, 2009, a common set of workforce measures;

16 (c) By June 1, 2009, a common set of data definitions shared among
17 institutions of higher education for the following measures:

18 (i) Transfer rate;

19 (ii) Admission rate that may include measures such as admission for
20 running start students and for transfer students;

21 (iii) Retention rate;

22 (iv) Measures of faculty engagement;

23 (v) Student survey data, that may include an inventory of the types
24 of surveys administered; and

25 (vi) Financial cost measures including cost of attendance and cost
26 of instruction; and

27 (d) By July 1, 2009, an updated dashboard template that includes
28 and is populated with the measures developed in this section;

29 (12) Annually report total enrollment numbers for all postsecondary
30 institutions, to the extent that the numbers are reported to the board
31 by the institutions;

32 (13) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove
33 any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus
34 activities; and

35 ((+11)) (14) Make recommendations to increase minority
36 participation, and monitor and report on the progress of minority
37 participation in higher education.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.76 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) Annually, on a schedule to be determined jointly by the board,
4 the state board for community and technical colleges, and the education
5 data center, each institution of higher education shall complete and
6 update the data displayed on the dashboard template developed under RCW
7 28B.76.290.

8 (2) Each institution of higher education, as defined in RCW
9 28B.10.016, shall prominently post on its home page a uniform, visible
10 link to the education data center's home page in order to facilitate
11 access to the dashboards of the other institutions of higher education.

12 (3) The board shall prominently post on its home page a uniform,
13 visible link to the education data center's home page to facilitate
14 access to the dashboards of all institutions of higher education.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.76.020 and 1985 c 370 s 2 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (~~For the purposes of~~) The definitions in this section apply
18 throughout this chapter(~~(+)~~) unless the context clearly requires
19 otherwise.

20 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board(~~(+and)~~).

21 (2) "Dashboard" means a visual display of information consolidated
22 and arranged on a computer screen in an easy to read fashion so that
23 the information can be seen at a glance.

24 (3) "Four-year institutions" means the University of Washington,
25 Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern
26 Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen
27 State College.

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