
SENATE BILL 5774

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By Senator Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to consolidation of Cascadia Community College and
2 Lake Washington Technical College; amending RCW 28B.45.020,
3 28B.45.0201, and 28B.50.040; creating a new section; repealing RCW
4 28B.50.1406; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Effective July 1, 2012:

7 (1) Cascadia Community College shall be consolidated with Lake
8 Washington Technical College, shall no longer be a separate institution
9 of higher education located in Bothell, and shall no longer own or
10 occupy, permanently or temporarily, any facilities in Bothell.

11 (2) All Cascadia Community College real property located in Bothell
12 shall be owned and occupied by the University of Washington.

13 (3) All students enrolled in Cascadia Community College shall be
14 considered enrolled in Lake Washington Technical College and all
15 credits earned before July 1, 2012, shall be honored at Lake Washington
16 Technical College.

17 (4) All governance and administrative functions and offices of
18 Cascadia Community College shall be consolidated, without duplication,

1 with the governance and administrative functions and offices of Lake
2 Washington Technical College.

3 (5)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,
4 papers, or written material connected with the powers, duties, and
5 functions transferred in this act shall be delivered to the custody of
6 Lake Washington Technical College. All cabinets, furniture, office
7 equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed in
8 connection with the powers, duties, and functions transferred shall be
9 made available to Lake Washington Technical College. All funds,
10 credits, or other assets held in connection with the powers, duties,
11 and functions transferred shall be assigned to Lake Washington
12 Technical College.

13 (b) Any appropriations made in connection with the powers, duties,
14 and functions transferred shall, on the effective date of this section,
15 be transferred and credited to Lake Washington Technical College.

16 (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any
17 personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment,
18 or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers
19 and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, or as to
20 the powers, duties, and functions transferred, the director of
21 financial management shall make a determination as to the proper
22 allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

23 (6) All classified employees employed in connection with the
24 powers, duties, and functions transferred are transferred to the
25 jurisdiction of Lake Washington Technical College. All employees
26 classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are
27 assigned to Lake Washington Technical College to perform their usual
28 duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights,
29 subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance
30 with the laws and rules governing state civil service.

31 (7) All rules and all pending business before any agency of state
32 government pertaining to the powers, duties, and functions transferred
33 shall be continued and acted upon by Lake Washington Technical College.
34 All existing contracts, obligations, and agreements shall remain in
35 full force and shall be performed by Lake Washington Technical College.

36 (8) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel
37 shall not affect the validity of any act performed by any employee
38 before the effective date of this section.

1 (9) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
2 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial
3 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
4 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make
5 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
6 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

7 (10) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter
8 any existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any
9 existing collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has
10 expired or until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the
11 public employment relations commission as provided by law.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.45.020 and 2005 c 258 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) The University of Washington is responsible for ensuring the
15 expansion of baccalaureate and graduate educational programs in the
16 central Puget Sound area under rules or guidelines adopted by the
17 higher education coordinating board and in accordance with
18 proportionality agreements emphasizing access for transfer students
19 developed with the state board for community and technical colleges.
20 The University of Washington shall meet that responsibility through the
21 operation of at least two branch campuses. One branch campus shall be
22 located in the Tacoma area. Another branch campus shall be
23 (~~collocated with Cascadia Community College~~) located in the Bothell-
24 Woodinville area.

25 (2) At the University of Washington Tacoma, a top priority is
26 expansion of upper division capacity for transfer students and graduate
27 capacity and programs. Beginning in the fall of 2006, the campus may
28 offer lower division courses linked to specific majors in fields not
29 addressed at local community colleges. The campus shall admit lower
30 division students through coadmission or coenrollment agreements with
31 a community college, or through direct transfer for students who have
32 accumulated approximately one year of transferable college credits. In
33 addition to offering lower division courses linked to specific majors
34 as addressed above, the campus may also directly admit freshmen and
35 sophomores gradually and deliberately in accordance with the campus
36 plan submitted to the higher education coordinating board in 2004.

1 (3) At the University of Washington Bothell, a top priority is
2 expansion of upper division capacity for transfer students and graduate
3 capacity and programs. (~~The campus shall also seek additional~~
4 ~~opportunities to collaborate with and maximize its collocation~~
5 ~~[colocation] with Cascadia Community College.~~) Beginning in the fall
6 of 2006, the campus may offer lower division courses linked to specific
7 majors in fields not addressed at local community colleges. The campus
8 may admit lower division students through coadmission or coenrollment
9 agreements with a community college, or through direct transfer for
10 students who have accumulated approximately one year of transferable
11 college credits. In addition to offering lower division courses linked
12 to specific majors as addressed above, the campus may also directly
13 admit freshmen and sophomores gradually and deliberately in accordance
14 with the campus plan submitted to the higher education coordinating
15 board in 2004.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.45.0201 and 1994 c 217 s 1 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The legislature finds that population growth in north King and
19 south Snohomish counties has created a need to expand higher education
20 and workforce training programs for the people living and working in
21 those areas. In keeping with the recommendations of the higher
22 education coordinating board, the legislature intends to help address
23 those education and training needs through (~~the creation of Cascadia~~
24 ~~Community College,~~) expansion of educational opportunities at Lake
25 Washington Technical College(~~(~~) and support of the University of
26 Washington's branch campus at Bothell-Woodinville. (~~It is further the~~
27 ~~intention of the legislature, in keeping with the higher education~~
28 ~~coordinating board recommendations, that the Cascadia Community College~~
29 ~~and the University of Washington branch campus be collocated, and that~~
30 ~~the new community college and the University of Washington's branch~~
31 ~~campus work in partnership to ensure that properly prepared students~~
32 ~~from community colleges and other institutions are able to transfer~~
33 ~~smoothly to the branch campus.~~

34 The legislature further finds that a governing board for Cascadia
35 Community College needs to be appointed and confirmed as expeditiously
36 as possible. The legislature intends to work cooperatively with the

1 ~~governor to facilitate the appointment and confirmation of trustees for~~
2 ~~the college.))~~

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.50.040 and 1994 c 217 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The state of Washington is hereby divided into ((~~thirty~~)) twenty-
6 nine college districts as follows:

7 (1) The first district shall encompass the counties of Clallam and
8 Jefferson;

9 (2) The second district shall encompass the counties of Grays
10 Harbor and Pacific;

11 (3) The third district shall encompass the counties of Kitsap and
12 Mason;

13 (4) The fourth district shall encompass the counties of San Juan,
14 Skagit and Island;

15 (5) The fifth district shall encompass Snohomish county except for
16 the Northshore common school district and that portion encompassed by
17 the twenty-third district created in subsection (23) of this section:
18 PROVIDED, That the fifth district shall encompass the Everett Community
19 College;

20 (6) The sixth district shall encompass the present boundaries of
21 the common school districts of Seattle and Vashon Island, King county;

22 (7) The seventh district shall encompass the present boundary of
23 the common school district of Shoreline in King county;

24 (8) The eighth district shall encompass the present boundaries of
25 the common school districts of Bellevue, Issaquah, Mercer Island,
26 Skykomish and Snoqualmie, King county;

27 (9) The ninth district shall encompass the present boundaries of
28 the common school districts of Federal Way, Highline and South Central,
29 King county;

30 (10) The tenth district shall encompass the present boundaries of
31 the common school districts of Auburn, Black Diamond, Renton, Enumclaw,
32 Kent, Lester and Tahoma, King county, and the King county portion of
33 Puyallup common school district No. 3;

34 (11) The eleventh district shall encompass all of Pierce county,
35 except for the present boundaries of the common school districts of
36 Tacoma and Peninsula;

1 (12) The twelfth district shall encompass Lewis county, the
2 Rochester common school district No. 401, the Tenino common school
3 district No. 402 of Thurston county, and the Thurston county portion of
4 the Centralia common school district No. 401;

5 (13) The thirteenth district shall encompass the counties of
6 Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum;

7 (14) The fourteenth district shall encompass the counties of Clark,
8 Skamania and that portion of Klickitat county not included in the
9 sixteenth district;

10 (15) The fifteenth district shall encompass the counties of Chelan,
11 Douglas and Okanogan;

12 (16) The sixteenth district shall encompass the counties of
13 Kittitas, Yakima, and that portion of Klickitat county included in
14 United States census divisions 1 through 4;

15 (17) The seventeenth district shall encompass the counties of
16 Ferry, Lincoln (except consolidated school district 105-157-166J and
17 the Lincoln county portion of common school district 167-202), Pend
18 Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman;

19 (18) The eighteenth district shall encompass the counties of Adams
20 and Grant, and that portion of Lincoln county comprising consolidated
21 school district 105-157-166J and common school district 167-202;

22 (19) The nineteenth district shall encompass the counties of Benton
23 and Franklin;

24 (20) The twentieth district shall encompass the counties of Asotin,
25 Columbia, Garfield and Walla Walla;

26 (21) The twenty-first district shall encompass Whatcom county;

27 (22) The twenty-second district shall encompass the present
28 boundaries of the common school districts of Tacoma and Peninsula,
29 Pierce county;

30 (23) The twenty-third district shall encompass that portion of
31 Snohomish county within such boundaries as the state board for
32 community and technical colleges shall determine: PROVIDED, That the
33 twenty-third district shall encompass the Edmonds Community College;

34 (24) The twenty-fourth district shall encompass all of Thurston
35 county except the Rochester common school district No. 401, the Tenino
36 common school district No. 402, and the Thurston county portion of the
37 Centralia common school district No. 401;

1 (25) The twenty-fifth district shall encompass all of Whatcom
2 county;

3 (26) The twenty-sixth district shall encompass the Northshore, Lake
4 Washington, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Issaquah, Riverview, Snoqualmie
5 Valley and Skykomish school districts;

6 (27) The twenty-seventh district shall encompass the Renton, Kent,
7 Auburn, Tahoma, and Enumclaw school districts and a portion of the
8 Seattle school district described as follows: Commencing at a point
9 established by the intersection of the Duwamish river and the south
10 boundary of the Seattle Community College District (number six) and
11 thence north along the centerline of the Duwamish river to the west
12 waterway; thence north along the centerline of the west waterway to
13 Elliot Bay; thence along Elliot Bay to a line established by the
14 intersection of the extension of Denny Way to Elliot Bay; thence east
15 along the line established by the centerline of Denny Way to Lake
16 Washington; thence south along the shoreline of Lake Washington to the
17 south line of the Seattle Community College District; and thence west
18 along the south line of the Seattle Community College District to the
19 point of beginning;

20 (28) The twenty-eighth district shall encompass all of Pierce
21 county; and

22 (29) The twenty-ninth district shall encompass all of Pierce
23 county(~~(+and~~

24 ~~(30) The thirtieth district shall encompass the present boundaries~~
25 ~~of the common school districts of Lake Washington and Riverview in King~~
26 ~~county and Northshore in King and Snohomish counties)).~~

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** By October 1, 2011, the boards of trustees
28 for Cascadia Community College and for Lake Washington Technical
29 College, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall
30 devise a plan necessary to implement the changes provided for in this
31 act that includes a plan to eliminate duplication of governance and
32 administrative functions.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** By December 1, 2011, the boards of trustees
34 for Cascadia Community College and for Lake Washington Technical
35 College, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall

1 submit to the legislature any corrective or clarifying legislation
2 necessary to effect the changes provided for in this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.50.1406 (Cascadia Community College
4 board of trustees) and 1994 c 217 s 4 are each repealed.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act takes effect August 1, 2011.

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