
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1400

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Silver, Mulliken, Blanton, B. Thomas, Huff, Mielke, Honeyford, Hargrove and Boldt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to remedial or precollege work at public
2 institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.80.350; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a large number of
6 students are entering college without the basic skills necessary to
7 successfully complete college level courses. The legislature applauds
8 institutional efforts to ensure that students are prepared to
9 successfully proceed through college, but finds that since the
10 taxpayers of the state have already provided funds to teach students
11 this material during their elementary and high school years, no further
12 state subsidy of the material should occur when the students attend a
13 baccalaureate institution of higher education. The legislature also
14 finds that any credits granted for successful completion of precollege
15 or remedial courses should not count towards graduation.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) By June 30, 1996, in consultation with the commission on
2 student learning, the superintendent of public instruction, the state
3 board of education, faculty, teachers from institutions of higher
4 education and high schools, and others as appropriate, the higher
5 education coordinating board shall adopt common definitions of remedial
6 and precollege material and course work. The definitions adopted by
7 the board shall be rigorous, challenging students to come to college
8 well-prepared to engage in college and university work, and shall be
9 adopted by each institution of higher education as defined in RCW
10 28B.10.016.

11 (2) Beginning with the fall 1996 academic term, with two
12 exceptions, neither state funds nor student operating fees shall be
13 used for remedial or precollege classes or laboratories offered or
14 available at state universities, regional universities, and the state
15 college. The exceptions under this subsection are precollege courses
16 and laboratories offered to students enrolled in educational
17 opportunity programs, and English as a second language classes, which
18 may be offered using state funds and student operating fees.

19 (3) Beginning with the fall 1996 academic term, any credit received
20 from precollege classes or laboratories shall not be included in
21 meeting the number of credits necessary to receive an associate degree
22 or a baccalaureate degree.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.80.350 and 1993 c 77 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The board shall coordinate educational activities among all
26 segments of higher education taking into account the educational
27 programs, facilities, and other resources of both public and
28 independent two and four-year colleges and universities. The four-year
29 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges
30 shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board
31 shall have the following additional responsibilities:

32 (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;

33 (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year
34 institutions, including a requirement that (~~coursework~~) course work
35 in American sign language or an American Indian language shall satisfy
36 any requirement for instruction in a language other than English that
37 the board or the institutions may establish as a general undergraduate
38 admissions requirement;

- 1 (3) Establish transfer policies;
- 2 (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;
- 3 (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering
4 states and the province of British Columbia;
- 5 (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for
6 administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty
7 using comparative data from peer institutions;
- 8 (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all
9 relevant state policies for higher education;
- 10 (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or
11 between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the
12 request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request
13 of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The
14 decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the
15 dispute;
- 16 (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting,
17 analyzing, and distributing information;
- 18 (10) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove
19 any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus
20 activities; ((and))
- 21 (11) Make recommendations to increase minority participation, and
22 monitor and report on the progress of minority participation in higher
23 education; and
- 24 (12) Adopt and periodically update definitions and descriptions of
25 remedial and precollege course work.

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