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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding a new section to
2 chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; creating new
3 sections; repealing RCW 28B.20.100, 28B.20.105, 28B.20.110, 28B.20.130,
4 28B.30.100, 28B.30.120, 28B.30.125, 28B.30.130, 28B.30.135, 28B.30.150,
5 28B.35.100, 28B.35.105, 28B.35.110, 28B.35.120, 28B.40.100, 28B.40.105,
6 28B.40.110, 28B.40.120, 28B.80.110, 28B.80.150, 28B.80.160, 28B.80.170,
7 28B.80.180, 28B.80.200, 28B.80.210, 28B.80.230, 28B.80.240, 28B.80.245,
8 28B.80.246, 28B.80.255, 28B.80.256, 28B.80.265, 28B.80.280, 28B.80.290,
9 28B.80.300, 28B.80.310, 28B.80.320, 28B.80.330, 28B.80.340, 28B.80.350,
10 28B.80.360, 28B.80.370, 28B.80.380, 28B.80.390, 28B.80.400, 28B.80.410,
11 28B.80.420, 28B.80.430, 28B.80.440, 28B.80.450, 28B.80.500, 28B.80.510,
12 28B.80.520, 28B.80.550, 28B.80.555, 28B.80.570, 28B.80.575, 28B.80.580,
13 28B.80.585, 28B.80.600, 28B.80.610, 28B.80.612, 28B.80.614, 28B.80.616,
14 28B.80.800, 28B.80.801, 28B.80.802, 28B.80.803, 28B.80.910, 28B.80.911,
15 28B.80.912, 28C.18.005, 28C.18.010, 28C.18.020, 28C.18.030, 28C.18.040,
16 28C.18.050, and 28C.18.060; providing effective dates; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act shall be known as the higher
2 education consolidation act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that Washington needs
4 to reexamine and transform the way higher education programs and
5 services are delivered. Washington's adult citizens face significant
6 challenges in the coming years as they strive to meet the challenge of
7 an increasingly complex world. One arena that poses a major challenge
8 is Washington's economy. It is in the process of a radical
9 transformation from an economy heavily dependent on natural resources
10 to an economy that depends increasingly on the strength of
11 international trade, technology industries, and other emerging new
12 businesses. Successful economic transformations will require an
13 educated populace, able to compete in a technologically complex world.
14 Yet, during the 1980's and 1990's, enrollments in Washington's public
15 baccalaureate institutions have been strictly controlled. Currently,
16 Washington ranks second to last nationally in the percentage of its
17 citizens who have an opportunity to enroll in a public baccalaureate
18 college or university in the state. By the year 2010, high school
19 graduation classes in Washington will grow by fifty percent above the
20 number of students graduating in 1995. Yet, the state has not yet made
21 a commitment to providing enrollment opportunities for those new high
22 school graduates. Failure to provide postsecondary educational
23 opportunities for those graduates may well restrict their future
24 earning power as well as the state's economic health.

25 The legislature finds that Washington needs to find a way to
26 increase access to colleges and universities in a cost-effective
27 manner. Washington can no longer afford extensive program
28 duplications, low faculty-to-student ratios, modest faculty teaching
29 loads in some academic departments, and the amount of funding devoted
30 to administrative functions at public colleges and universities. In
31 order to assist the institutions to meet the challenges facing higher
32 education, the legislature intends to revise the governance structure
33 of the public baccalaureate college and universities. The legislature
34 further intends to create a consolidated governing board for those
35 institutions. The consolidated governing board will be able to reduce
36 unnecessary program duplications, increase the average teaching loads
37 of faculty members, prove the average amount of time needed to obtain
38 a degree, reduce administrative overhead, and advocate for the needs of

1 the baccalaureate system. The institutions will be able to concentrate
2 on meeting the needs of students and of members of the communities
3 served by the institutions. To assist the board in its work, the
4 legislature intends to reduce administrative requirements placed on the
5 institutions by state agencies and to provide a budgeting method that
6 includes incentive funding and performance based budgeting procedures.

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

10 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of the Washington state
11 college and university system.

12 (2) "System" means the Washington state college and university
13 system.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The Washington state college and university
15 system is created. The system shall include, but need not be limited
16 to: The University of Washington, Washington State University, Central
17 Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen
18 State College, Western Washington University, and the branch campuses
19 and extension centers of each of the universities and the state
20 college.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The governance of the Washington state
22 college and university system shall be vested in a board of regents
23 consisting of nineteen members. Members shall be appointed by the
24 governor with the consent of the senate, and shall hold their offices
25 for a term of six years from the first day of October and until their
26 successors are appointed and qualified. Eighteen members of the board
27 shall be selected based on the congressional district in which they
28 reside as follows: Two members shall be selected from each
29 congressional district. Ten members of the board shall constitute a
30 quorum for the transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or
31 when an appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term,
32 the governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of
33 the regent whose office has become vacant or expired. No more than the
34 terms of three members may expire simultaneously on the last day of
35 September in any one year.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The board may organize by electing from its
2 membership a president and an executive committee. If an executive
3 committee is appointed, the president shall be ex officio chair. The
4 board may adopt bylaws or rules for its own government. The board
5 shall hold regular meetings, at least quarterly, and during the interim
6 between such meetings the executive committee may transact business for
7 the whole board. The executive committee may call special meetings of
8 the whole board when such action is deemed necessary.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The board shall ensure that a record of
10 all board proceedings is carefully preserved.

11 (2) The board may appoint a secretary and a treasurer who shall
12 hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the board and
13 carry out such respective duties as the board prescribes.

14 (3) If appointed, the treasurer shall give bond for the faithful
15 performance of the duties of his or her office in such amount as the
16 regents may require. The university shall pay the fee for such bond.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The general powers and duties of the board
18 shall be as follows:

19 (1) To have full control of the system and its money and property
20 of various kinds, except as otherwise provided by law;

21 (2) To employ a chancellor for the system, a chief operating
22 officer or president for each campus of the system, assistants, members
23 of the faculty, and employees of each institution of higher education,
24 who except as otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions
25 during the pleasure of the board;

26 (3) To establish entrance requirements for students seeking
27 admission to each campus of the system. The requirements shall meet or
28 exceed the standards specified under RCW 28B.80.350(2). Completion of
29 examinations satisfactory to the board may be a prerequisite for
30 entrance by any applicant at the board's discretion. Evidence of
31 completion of public high schools and other educational institutions
32 whose courses of study meet the approval of the board may be acceptable
33 for entrance;

34 (4) To establish such colleges, schools, or departments necessary
35 to carry out the purposes of the system and not otherwise proscribed by
36 law;

1 (5) With the assistance of the faculty of the system, to prescribe
2 the course of study in the various colleges, schools, and departments
3 of each campus of the system and publish the necessary catalogues
4 thereof;

5 (6) To grant to students such certificates or degrees as
6 recommended for such students by the faculty. The board, upon
7 recommendation of the faculty, may also confer honorary degrees upon
8 persons other than graduates of the system in recognition of their
9 learning or devotion to literature, art, or science, however no degree
10 may ever be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the
11 giving of property of whatsoever kind;

12 (7) To accept such gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and
13 devises, whether real or personal property, or both, in trust or
14 otherwise, for the use or benefit of the system, its campuses, its
15 colleges, schools, departments, or agencies; and sell, lease or
16 exchange, invest, or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits,
17 and income thereof except as limited by the terms of the gifts, grants,
18 conveyances, bequests, and devises. The board shall adopt proper rules
19 to govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds of
20 all fees, and the proceeds, rents, profits, and income of all gifts,
21 grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises accepted under this
22 subsection, and shall make full report of the same in the customary
23 biennial report to the governor and members of the legislature, or more
24 frequently if required by law;

25 (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, to enter into such
26 contracts as the regents deem essential to the purposes of the system
27 and its campuses;

28 (9) To submit upon request such reports as will be helpful to the
29 governor and to the legislature in providing for the system; and

30 (10) Subject to the approval of the higher education coordinating
31 board pursuant to RCW 28B.80.340, to offer new degree programs, offer
32 off-campus programs, participate in consortia or centers, contract for
33 off-campus educational programs, and purchase or lease major off-campus
34 facilities.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** In addition to the duties in sections 6
36 through 8 of this act, the board shall have the following additional
37 duties for Washington State University and its branch campuses:

1 (1) To collect such information as the board deems desirable as to
2 the schemes of technical instruction adopted in other parts of the
3 United States and foreign countries;

4 (2) To provide for holding agricultural institutes including farm
5 marketing forums;

6 (3) To provide that instruction, as far as practicable, be conveyed
7 by means of laboratory work and provide one or more physical, chemical,
8 and biological laboratories, and suitably furnish and equip the
9 laboratories;

10 (4) To provide training in military tactics for those students
11 electing to participate in military tactics;

12 (5) To establish a department of elementary science and in
13 connection therewith provide instruction in elementary mathematics,
14 including elementary trigonometry, elementary mechanics, elementary and
15 mechanical drawing, and land surveying;

16 (6) To establish a department of agriculture and in connection
17 therewith provide instruction in physics with special application of
18 its principles to agriculture, chemistry with special application of
19 its principles to agriculture, morphology and physiology of plants with
20 special reference to common grown crops and fungus enemies, morphology
21 and physiology of the lower forms of animal life, with special
22 reference to insect pests, morphology and physiology of the higher
23 forms of animal life and in particular of the horse, cow, sheep, and
24 swine, agriculture with special reference to the breeding and feeding
25 of livestock and the best mode of cultivation of farm produce, and
26 mining and metallurgy, appointing demonstrators in each of these
27 subjects to superintend the equipment of a laboratory and to give
28 practical instruction therein;

29 (7) To establish agricultural experiment stations in connection
30 with the department of agriculture, including at least one in the
31 western portion of the state, and appoint the officers and prescribe
32 rules for their management;

33 (8) To receive and expend the money appropriated under the act of
34 congress approved May 8, 1914, entitled "An Act to provide for
35 cooperative agricultural extension work between the agricultural
36 colleges in the several States receiving the benefits of the Act of
37 Congress approved July 2, 1862, and Acts supplemental thereto and the
38 United States Department of Agriculture" and organize and conduct

1 agricultural extension work in accordance with the terms and conditions
2 expressed in the acts of congress;

3 (9) To acquire by lease, gift, or otherwise, lands necessary to
4 further the work of the system or for experimental or demonstrational
5 purposes;

6 (10) To establish and maintain at least one agricultural experiment
7 station in an irrigation district to conduct investigational work upon
8 the principles and practices of irrigational agriculture including the
9 use of water and its relation to soil types, crops, climatic
10 conditions, ditch and drain construction, fertility investigations,
11 plant disease, insect pests, marketing, farm management, use of fruit
12 byproducts, and general development of agriculture under irrigation
13 conditions;

14 (11) To supervise and control the agricultural experiment station
15 at Puyallup;

16 (12) To establish and maintain at Wenatchee an agricultural
17 experiment substation for the purpose of conducting investigational
18 work upon the principles and practices of orchard culture, spraying,
19 fertilization, pollenization, new fruit varieties, fruit diseases and
20 pests, byproducts, marketing, management, and general horticultural
21 problems; and

22 (13) To construct when the board so determines a new foundry and a
23 mining, physical, technological building and fabrication shop, or add
24 to the present foundry and other buildings, in order that both
25 instruction and research be expanded to include permanent molding and
26 die casting with a section for new fabricating techniques, especially
27 for light metals, including magnesium and aluminum; purchase equipment
28 for the shops and laboratories in mechanical, electrical, and civil
29 engineering; establish a pilot plant for the extraction of alumina from
30 native clays and other possible light metal research; purchase
31 equipment for a research laboratory for technological research
32 generally; and purchase equipment for research in electronics,
33 instrumentation, energy sources, plastics, food technology, mechanics
34 of materials, hydraulics, and similar fields.

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

37 (1) The governing boards of the University of Washington,
38 Washington State University, the regional universities, and The

1 Evergreen State College are hereby abolished and their powers, duties,
2 and functions are hereby transferred to the board of regents of the
3 Washington state college and university system. All references to the
4 trustees, regents, or the governing boards of the University of
5 Washington, Washington State University, the regional universities, and
6 The Evergreen State College in the Revised Code of Washington shall be
7 construed to mean the board of regents of the Washington state college
8 and university system.

9 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,
10 papers, or written material in the possession of the governing boards
11 of the University of Washington, Washington State University, the
12 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall be
13 delivered to the custody of the board of regents of the Washington
14 state system. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor
15 vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the governing boards
16 of the University of Washington, Washington State University, the
17 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall be made
18 available to the board of regents of the Washington state college and
19 university system. All funds, credits, or other assets held by the
20 governing boards of the University of Washington, Washington State
21 University, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College
22 shall be assigned to the board of regents of the Washington state
23 college and university system.

24 (b) Any appropriations made to the governing boards of the
25 University of Washington, Washington State University, the regional
26 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall, on the effective
27 date of this section, be transferred and credited to the board of
28 regents of the Washington state college and university system.

29 (c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel,
30 funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other
31 tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the
32 performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of
33 financial management shall make a determination as to the proper
34 allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

35 (3) All employees of the governing boards of the University of
36 Washington, Washington State University, the regional universities, and
37 The Evergreen State College are transferred to the jurisdiction of the
38 board of regents of the Washington state college and university system.
39 All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil

1 service law, are assigned to the board of regents of the Washington
2 state college and university system to perform their usual duties upon
3 the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any
4 action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws
5 and rules governing state civil service.

6 (4) All rules and all pending business before the governing boards
7 of the University of Washington, Washington State University, the
8 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall be
9 continued and acted upon by the board of regents of the Washington
10 state college and university system. All existing contracts and
11 obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by the
12 board of regents of the Washington state college and university system.

13 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
14 the governing boards of the University of Washington, Washington State
15 University, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College
16 shall not affect the validity of any act performed before the effective
17 date of this section.

18 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
19 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial
20 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
21 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make
22 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
23 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

24 (7) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any
25 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing
26 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or
27 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the personnel
28 board as provided by law.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The Washington state college and university
30 system shall have no more than one full-time equivalent position
31 assigned to perform governmental relations functions.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The following acts or parts of acts are
33 each repealed:

34 (1) RCW 28B.20.100 and 1985 c 61 s 1, 1979 ex.s. c 103 s 2, 1973 c
35 62 s 7, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.20.100;

36 (2) RCW 28B.20.105 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.20.105;

37 (3) RCW 28B.20.110 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.20.110;

1 (4) RCW 28B.20.130 and 1985 c 370 s 92, 1977 c 75 s 20, & 1969
2 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.20.130;
3 (5) RCW 28B.30.100 and 1985 c 61 s 2, 1979 ex.s. c 103 s 3, 1973 c
4 62 s 10, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.30.100;
5 (6) RCW 28B.30.120 and 1979 ex.s. c 103 s 6 & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s
6 28B.30.120;
7 (7) RCW 28B.30.125 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.30.125;
8 (8) RCW 28B.30.130 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.30.130;
9 (9) RCW 28B.30.135 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.30.135;
10 (10) RCW 28B.30.150 and 1985 c 370 s 93, 1977 c 75 s 21, 1973 1st
11 ex.s. c 154 s 47, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.30.150;
12 (11) RCW 28B.35.100 and 1985 c 137 s 1, 1979 ex.s. c 103 s 4, &
13 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 45;
14 (12) RCW 28B.35.105 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 46;
15 (13) RCW 28B.35.110 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 47;
16 (14) RCW 28B.35.120 and 1985 c 370 s 94 & 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 48;
17 (15) RCW 28B.40.100 and 1985 c 137 s 2, 1979 ex.s. c 103 s 5, 1977
18 ex.s. c 169 s 65, 1973 c 62 s 11, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.40.100;
19 (16) RCW 28B.40.105 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 66 & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s
20 28B.40.105;
21 (17) RCW 28B.40.110 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 67 & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s
22 28B.40.110;
23 (18) RCW 28B.40.120 and 1985 c 370 s 95, 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 68, &
24 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.40.120
25 (19) RCW 28B.80.110 and 1985 c 370 s 16, 1984 c 287 s 65, 1975-'76
26 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 77, & 1969 ex.s. c 277 s 12;
27 (20) RCW 28B.80.150 and 1985 c 370 s 17 & 1974 ex.s. c 4 s 3;
28 (21) RCW 28B.80.160 and 1985 c 370 s 18 & 1974 ex.s. c 4 s 4;
29 (22) RCW 28B.80.170 and 1985 c 370 s 19 & 1974 ex.s. c 4 s 5;
30 (23) RCW 28B.80.180 and 1989 c 306 s 2;
31 (24) RCW 28B.80.200 and 1985 c 370 s 20 & 1975 1st ex.s. c 132 s 9;
32 (25) RCW 28B.80.210 and 1985 c 370 s 21 & 1975 1st ex.s. c 132 s
33 12;
34 (26) RCW 28B.80.230 and 1985 c 370 s 22 & 1975 1st ex.s. c 132 s
35 14;
36 (27) RCW 28B.80.240 and 1985 c 370 s 23 & 1975 1st ex.s. c 132 s
37 15;
38 (28) RCW 28B.80.245 and 1990 c 33 s 560 & 1988 c 210 s 1;
39 (29) RCW 28B.80.246 and 1988 c 210 s 2;

1 (30) RCW 28B.80.255 and 1992 c 83 s 3, 1992 c 50 s 2, & 1991 c 255
2 s 6;
3 (31) RCW 28B.80.256 and 1994 c 279 s 5;
4 (32) RCW 28B.80.265 and 1992 c 83 s 4 & 1991 c 255 s 7;
5 (33) RCW 28B.80.280 and 1985 c 370 s 27 & 1983 c 304 s 1;
6 (34) RCW 28B.80.290 and 1983 c 304 s 2;
7 (35) RCW 28B.80.300 and 1985 c 370 s 1;
8 (36) RCW 28B.80.310 and 1985 c 370 s 2;
9 (37) RCW 28B.80.320 and 1985 c 370 s 3;
10 (38) RCW 28B.80.330 and 1993 c 363 s 6 & 1985 c 370 s 4;
11 (39) RCW 28B.80.340 and 1985 c 370 s 5;
12 (40) RCW 28B.80.350 and 1993 c 77 s 2, 1992 c 60 s 3, 1988 c 172 s
13 4, & 1985 c 370 s 6;
14 (41) RCW 28B.80.360 and 1990 c 33 s 561, 1986 c 136 s 20, & 1985 c
15 370 s 7;
16 (42) RCW 28B.80.370 and 1985 c 370 s 8;
17 (43) RCW 28B.80.380 and 1985 c 370 s 9;
18 (44) RCW 28B.80.390 and 1985 c 370 s 10;
19 (45) RCW 28B.80.400 and 1985 c 370 s 11;
20 (46) RCW 28B.80.410 and 1985 c 370 s 12;
21 (47) RCW 28B.80.420 and 1985 c 370 s 13;
22 (48) RCW 28B.80.430 and 1987 c 330 s 301 & 1985 c 370 s 14;
23 (49) RCW 28B.80.440 and 1987 c 40 s 1;
24 (50) RCW 28B.80.450 and 1990 c 288 s 1;
25 (51) RCW 28B.80.500 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 7 s 2;
26 (52) RCW 28B.80.510 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 7 s 8;
27 (53) RCW 28B.80.520 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 7 s 9;
28 (54) RCW 28B.80.550 and 1991 c 228 s 7;
29 (55) RCW 28B.80.555 and 1991 c 228 s 8;
30 (56) RCW 28B.80.570 and 1992 c 21 s 6 & 1991 c 315 s 18;
31 (57) RCW 28B.80.575 and 1991 c 315 s 19;
32 (58) RCW 28B.80.580 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 34, 1992 c 231 s 31, &
33 1991 c 315 s 20;
34 (59) RCW 28B.80.585 and 1991 c 315 s 21;
35 (60) RCW 28B.80.600 and 1990 c 208 s 9;
36 (61) RCW 28B.80.610 and 1993 c 363 s 2;
37 (62) RCW 28B.80.612 and 1993 c 363 s 3;
38 (63) RCW 28B.80.614 and 1993 c 363 s 4;
39 (64) RCW 28B.80.616 and 1993 c 363 s 5;

- 1 (65) RCW 28B.80.800 and 1993 c 382 s 1;
2 (66) RCW 28B.80.801 and 1993 c 382 s 2;
3 (67) RCW 28B.80.802 and 1993 c 382 s 3;
4 (68) RCW 28B.80.803 and 1993 c 382 s 4;
5 (69) RCW 28B.80.910 and 1969 ex.s. c 277 s 15;
6 (70) RCW 28B.80.911 and 1985 c 370 s 107;
7 (71) RCW 28B.80.912 and 1985 c 370 s 108;
8 (72) RCW 28C.18.005 and 1991 c 238 s 1;
9 (73) RCW 28C.18.010 and 1991 c 238 s 2;
10 (74) RCW 28C.18.020 and 1991 c 238 s 3;
11 (75) RCW 28C.18.030 and 1991 c 238 s 4;
12 (76) RCW 28C.18.040 and 1994 c 154 s 307 & 1991 c 238 s 5;
13 (77) RCW 28C.18.050 and 1991 c 238 s 6; and
14 (78) RCW 28C.18.060 and 1993 c 280 s 17 & 1991 c 238 s 7.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The council of presidents and its powers
16 and duties are abolished.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** The house of representatives and the senate
18 higher education and fiscal committees shall report to the legislature
19 by December 1, 1995, their recommendations and draft legislation to
20 conform existing higher education statutes to the system of higher
21 education governance in this act. The recommendations shall include
22 but need not be limited to: (1) Methods of increasing access in a cost
23 effective manner; (2) optional budgeting systems that will provide
24 performance-based budgeting procedures and incentive funding methods;
25 and (3) methods for accomplishing any vital responsibilities of the
26 higher education coordinating board and the work force training and
27 education coordinating board.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** (1) The governor shall appoint the board of
29 regents created in section 5 of this act no later than November 1,
30 1995.

31 (2) The board of regents shall begin meeting as soon as possible
32 after appointment in order to plan for the orderly transition of
33 baccalaureate institutions of higher education to the jurisdiction of
34 the board.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** Sections 5 and 14 of this act are necessary
4 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety,
5 or support of the state government and its existing public
6 institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1995.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** Sections 1 through 4 and 6 through 13 of
8 this act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

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