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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education authorizing contracts with
2 independent colleges and universities for instructional programmatic
3 services; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In order to secure for the citizens of
6 Washington the advantages that would accrue through cooperative
7 arrangements with accredited independent colleges and universities
8 situated in the state, especially those offering programs in localities
9 not directly served by a resident public program or institution of
10 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the higher education
11 coordinating board may contract for instructional program services with
12 one or more such independent institutions, using funds appropriated
13 therefor. Such contracts shall encourage, promote, and facilitate the
14 coordination of educational developments that are beneficial to the
15 citizens of the state, that increase the use of available facilities,
16 that prevent the duplication of educational programs, and that motivate
17 cooperative educational efforts.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
3 chapter.

4 (1) "Instructional program" means a course of study leading to
5 certification, licensure, or a degree at the baccalaureate, master's,
6 or doctoral levels.

7 (2) "Independent college or university" means a private, nonprofit
8 educational institution, the main campus of which is permanently
9 situated in the state, that is open to residents of the state, that
10 neither restricts entry on racial or religious grounds, that provides
11 programs of education beyond the high school leading at least to the
12 baccalaureate degree, and that is accredited by the Northwest
13 association of schools and colleges or by an accrediting association
14 recognized by the higher education coordinating board for the purposes
15 of this chapter.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The higher education coordinating board,
17 using funds appropriated therefor, may enter into contracts with
18 independent colleges or universities for instructional program services
19 if the contracts meet the following conditions:

20 (1) There has been a finding of need and that the contract
21 represents the most cost-effective way of providing the services;

22 (2) The criteria for evaluation used in reviewing the content of
23 the programs considered for contracting is uniform and applicable to
24 all eligible independent colleges or universities; and

25 (3) Only resident students, as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and
26 28B.15.013 may be considered within the terms of the contract for
27 financial purposes.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The higher education coordinating board
29 shall assure continuing evaluation of the effectiveness of the
30 contractual arrangements authorized by this chapter, and on or before
31 February 1st of each odd-numbered year shall submit biennial reports to
32 the governor and the legislature. In administering this chapter, the
33 board shall require the use of appropriate fiscal procedures to ensure
34 accountability of public funds.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The higher education coordinating board
36 shall identify the localities in the state and the instructional

1 program areas in which contracting for instructional program services
2 would be a cost-effective way of meeting identified needs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
4 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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