SENATE BILL 5644

1   AN ACT Relating to establishing a community college in the People's
2 Republic of China; and creating a new section.

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

4   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Washington state's economic future is world
5 trade.
6   (1) It is necessary to expand opportunities for our citizens to
7 gain the tools required for successful competition in the world job
8 market. Washington has significant opportunities for trade with the
9 People's Republic of China. To foster the development of the personal
10 relationships and understandings that will increase the opportunities
11 for successful trade relationships, the task force on international
12 education and cultural exchanges recommends that the governor appoint
13 a planning committee to develop a proposal to establish a community
14 college in the People's Republic of China.
15   (2) The governor's appointments to the planning committee shall
16 include three community college presidents, a president of a public
17 four-year institution of higher education, one representative from the
18 state board for community and technical colleges, and one
19 representative from the higher education coordinating board. The

1 planning committee shall present to the governor, the office of
2 financial management, and the legislature, by November 1995, a
3 preliminary report for implementing improved student exchanges,
4 opportunities for visiting faculty and faculty exchanges, and the
5 potential establishment of a Washington state community college in the
6 People's Republic of China. A final report shall be presented to the
7 governor, the office of financial management, and the legislature by
8 September 1, 1996.

9   (3) The program developed by the planning committee shall include
10 but not be limited to the following parameters:

11   (a) The community college program would be a joint venture of
12 Washington state and the government of the People's Republic of China.
13 Capital costs of the overseas campus should be the responsibility of
14 the Chinese government. Operating costs should be jointly supported
15 and open to private as well as public funds. The staffing of the
16 institution should come from the Washington state community and
17 technical college system. The professors should be rotated to the
18 Chinese campus, thus giving international exposure to a larger number
19 of our Washington state community college staff.

20   (b) The goal of the Chinese campus would be to provide a Washington
21 state associate of arts degree to both Chinese and Washington state
22 students attending the jointly sponsored programs in the People's
23 Republic of China.

24   (c) College credits earned by students receiving an associate of
25 arts degree at the China campus would be transferable to public four-
26 year institutions of higher education in Washington under current
27 transfer policies.

28   (d) Programs would be equivalent to Washington state community
29 college curriculum. The programs would be taught in English, and would
30 be open to both Chinese and Washington state students electing to study
31 in China. To expand the curriculum and opportunities of the China
32 campus, telecommunications delivery of programs should be considered.

33   (e) All Chinese students attending the Chinese community college
34 campus and continuing studies in Washington state institutions of
35 higher education for their four-year degree, will sign a commitment
36 letter stating they will return to China and not extend their stay in
37 the United States beyond the completion of their bachelor's degree.
38 Washington state will work with the United States Immigration and
39 Naturalization Service to have restrictive visas issued to the Chinese

1 students studying in this program, ensuring their return to their
2 native country. Strict guidelines would apply.

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