
SENATE BILL 6176

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By Senators Bauer and Kohl; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to service delivery alternatives for the provision
2 of higher education; creating new sections; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** As resources become more limited, it is
6 important to assess the relative cost to provide instructional services
7 by alternative structures available through Washington's higher
8 education system. Currently available are main campuses, branch
9 campuses, distance learning centers, and other instructional
10 opportunities and facilities provided by nonstate sources.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The higher education coordinating board,
12 in consultation with the legislature, the office of financial
13 management, and postsecondary education providers shall conduct a study
14 to evaluate and estimate the relative cost of providing postsecondary
15 instruction through main campuses, branch campuses, centers, distance
16 learning through public and private colleges, and universities and
17 businesses providing postsecondary instruction.

1 (2) The costs to be used in the analysis shall be collected during
2 the academic year 1996-97. Before the 1996-97 academic year, the
3 board, in consultation with the involved agencies and institutions,
4 shall develop the study design and data requirements. Public
5 institutions shall participate in the study in the same manner as the
6 periodic cost study. Private institutions are encouraged to
7 participate.

8 (3) Following collections of the data, the study, evaluation, and
9 report shall focus on:

10 (a) Undergraduate education programs in arts and letters; social
11 and natural sciences excluding health sciences; business; and teacher
12 education;

13 (b) Progression and graduation rates;

14 (c) Instructional cost per student;

15 (d) Design facility capacity;

16 (e) Use of facilities; and

17 (f) Budgeted usage.

18 (4) The board may contract with consultants as necessary to
19 complete these requirements. The board shall report to the governor
20 and appropriate committees of the legislature on December 1, 1997.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand
22 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
23 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher
24 education coordinating board to complete the study in section 2 of this
25 act.

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