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1 AN ACT Relating to safeguarding summer youth employment and
2 training programs; adding new sections to chapter 50.72 RCW; creating
3 new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state legislature recognizes
6 the importance of summer employment and training programs in providing
7 disadvantaged youth age fourteen through twenty-one years with
8 opportunities to develop a work ethic, attain basic skills that
9 encourage school completion, attain economic self-sufficiency for older
10 youth, and put their talents and enthusiasm to constructive uses. In
11 addition, successful summer youth employment and training programs play
12 a key role in supporting strong families and promoting young
13 individuals to invest in their communities.

14 It is the intent of the legislature to ensure that effective summer
15 youth employment and training programs are maintained and that recent
16 reductions in federal funds do not prevent disadvantaged youth from
17 being productive members of society.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The employment security department is
2 authorized to administer the provision of summer employment and
3 training services to disadvantaged youth fourteen through twenty-one
4 years of age. Such services may include any of the following:

5 (1) Subsidized work experience;

6 (2) Basic remedial education directed at attainment of high school
7 diploma or GED;

8 (3) Preparation for work;

9 (4) Recruitment outreach and enrollment activities;

10 (5) Job skills and academic assessment;

11 (6) Job development, referral, and placement;

12 (7) Counseling and support services necessary to enable youth to
13 participate in programs; and

14 (8) Case management.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The employment security department is
16 authorized to:

17 (1) Contract to deliver program services;

18 (2) Allocate funds to service providers;

19 (3) Carry out the duties specified in sections 2 through 5 of this
20 act; and

21 (4) Establish administrative rules in accordance with the
22 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** By promoting programs administered under
24 this chapter that, to the greatest extent possible, adhere to the
25 following guidelines, the employment security department shall:

26 (1) Coordinate with the Washington state work force training and
27 education coordinating board in program development and implementation;

28 (2) Adhere to the state's comprehensive plan for work force
29 training;

30 (3) Consult on an ongoing basis with private industry councils,
31 local government, labor, education, and community leaders to ensure a
32 high level of public/private partnerships;

33 (4) Promote program activities that demonstrate a record of
34 success;

35 (5) Develop program goals and indicators that are consistent with
36 those adopted by the work force training and education coordinating
37 board;

- 1 (6) Address unmet community needs;
2 (7) Support the state's development of a school-to-work transition
3 system; and
4 (8) Maintain a low administrative overhead, with a target of ten
5 percent of program funds.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The programs and services administered under
7 this chapter must be evaluated to determine their impact and
8 effectiveness in achieving the program indicators established pursuant
9 to section 4(5) of this act. The department shall report its findings
10 and recommendations to the legislature on an annual basis.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of . . . dollars, or as much
12 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
13 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the employment security
14 department for the purposes of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If any provision of this act or its
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
17 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
18 persons or circumstances is not affected.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any part of this act is found to be in
20 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
21 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
22 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
23 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
24 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
25 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal
26 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
27 funds by the state.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each
29 added to chapter 50.72 RCW.

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