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1 AN ACT Relating to safeguarding employment, training, and
2 development programs for young men and women in Washington state;
3 adding new sections to chapter 50.72 RCW; creating new sections; and
4 making an appropriation.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state legislature recognizes
7 the importance of employment and training programs in providing
8 disadvantaged young men and women with opportunities to develop a work
9 ethic, attain economic self-sufficiency, and put their talents and
10 enthusiasm to constructive uses. In addition, successful employment
11 and training programs, such as summer employment, play a key role in
12 supporting strong families and promoting young individuals to invest in
13 their communities.

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The employment security department is
2 required to administer the provision of services to disadvantaged young
3 men and women. Such services may include any of the following:

4 (1) General employment and training services, such as:

5 (a) Summer youth employment;

6 (b) Assessment;

7 (c) Competency attainment;

8 (d) Work skills training and development;

9 (e) Work experience including on-the-job training;

10 (f) Preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training;

11 (g) School-to-work transition services;

12 (h) Basic skills remediation; and

13 (i) Job search assistance.

14 (2) Leadership development services, including:

15 (a) Communication and team building;

16 (b) Conflict resolution;

17 (c) Community development; and

18 (d) Leadership development.

19 (3) Support services, including:

20 (a) Payment of support services and needs-based payments or wages;

21 and

22 (b) Case management and follow-up services.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The employment security department is
24 authorized to:

25 (1) Contract to deliver program services;

26 (2) Allocate funds to service providers;

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

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

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Either directly or by promoting programs
32 funded under this act that, to the greatest extent possible, adhere to
33 the following guidelines, the employment security department shall:

34 (1) Coordinate with the Washington state work force training and
35 education coordination board in program development and implementation;

36 (2) Adhere to the state s comprehensive plan for work force
37 training;

1 (3) Consult on an on-going basis with business, labor, private
2 industry councils, and community leaders to ensure a high level of
3 public/private partnerships;

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

6 (5) Develop program goals and indicators that are consistent with
7 those adopted by the work force training and education coordination
8 board, including but not limited to (a) measures of gaining and
9 retaining employment, (b) measures of earnings, and (c) level of
10 customer satisfaction;

11 (6) Support the development of the state's one-stop-shop approach
12 to the delivery of program services;

13 (7) Address unmet community needs;

14 (8) Support the state's development of a school-to-work transition
15 system;

16 (9) Maintain a low administrative overhead, with a target of below
17 ten percent of program funds;

18 (10) Encourage local support through matching funds; and

19 (11) Support, as appropriate, participation in high skills
20 training.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The programs and services funded under the
22 provisions of this act shall be evaluated to determine their impact and
23 effectiveness in achieving the program indicators established pursuant
24 to section 4(5) of this act. The department shall report its findings
25 and recommendations to the legislature on an annual basis.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of dollars, or as much
27 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
28 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the employment security
29 department for the purposes of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If any provision of this act or its
31 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
32 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
33 persons or circumstances is not affected.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any part of this act is found to be in
35 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to

1 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
2 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
3 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
4 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
5 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal
6 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
7 funds by the state.

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

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