
SENATE BILL 5731

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By Senators Kohl, Wood, Brown, Winsley, Bauer and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to child care grants for state and regional
2 universities; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington fund for student child care
5 in higher education is established. The higher education coordinating
6 board shall administer the program. Through this program the board may
7 award on a competitive basis child care grants to state and regional
8 universities to encourage programs to address the need for high
9 quality, accessible, and affordable child care for students at higher
10 education institutions. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period.
11 The university administration and student government association, or
12 its equivalent, of each institution receiving the award shall
13 contribute financial support in an amount equal to the child care grant
14 received by the institution.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The higher education coordinating board
16 shall have the following powers and duties in administering the
17 program:

18 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

1 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the
2 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall
3 include but not be limited to individuals from the Washington campus
4 child care coalition;

5 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting
6 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.
7 During the 1997-99 biennium the guidelines shall be consistent with the
8 following desired outcomes of increasing access to child care for
9 students, addressing the demand for infant and toddler care, providing
10 affordable child care alternatives, creating models that can be
11 replicated at other institutions, creating a partnership between
12 student governments and university administrations, and increasing
13 efficiency and innovation at campus child care centers;

14 (4) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the
15 institutions of higher education about the program; and

16 (5) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,
17 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The fund for student child care in higher
19 education is established in the custody of the state treasurer. Moneys
20 in the fund may be spent only for the purposes of section 1 of this
21 act. Disbursements from the fund shall be on the authorization of the
22 higher education coordinating board. The fund is subject to the
23 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
24 required for disbursements.

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

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