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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1731**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Carlson, Lantz, Reardon, Linville, Skinner, Gombosky, Doumit, Edwards, Anderson, Veloria, Edmonds, Kessler, Kagi, Wolfe, Hatfield, Murray, Ruderman, Dunshee, Grant, Rockefeller, O'Brien and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to community and technical colleges economic  
2 incentive grants; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and making  
3 appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that it is in the  
6 public interest to encourage and enhance cooperation among business,  
7 industry, and community and technical colleges. Economically stronger  
8 regional work forces are the anticipated outcomes of such  
9 collaboration.

10 (2) In order to secure for the citizens of Washington the  
11 advantages that would accrue through collaborative programs that meet  
12 specific educational, business, and societal needs, the college board  
13 may provide economic development grants for the planning and design of  
14 programs offered by two or more community and technical colleges using  
15 appropriated funds. Economic development grants shall encourage  
16 collaboration among business, industry, and community and technical  
17 colleges, and meet the work force training needs of this state.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The economic incentive grant program is  
2 established. The college board, using funds appropriated therefor, may  
3 award economic incentive grants for instructional programs that meet  
4 the demand of work force training for business and industry. Economic  
5 incentive grants may be used to fund proposals that emphasize  
6 collaboration between business, industry, and community and technical  
7 colleges. The criteria for awarding the grants must be uniform and  
8 applicable to all eligible colleges and the proposals shall meet the  
9 following conditions:

10        (a) The program shall be offered by two or more eligible community  
11 colleges and technical colleges;

12        (b) The participating colleges shall obtain a matching grant from  
13 business and industry that is equal to the amount of the state grant;

14        (c) The partnership between business, industry, and community and  
15 technical colleges shall be a cost-effective means to provide the  
16 training program;

17        (d) The program shall provide training for the regional work force;  
18 and

19        (e) The program shall meet the needs of the regional employers.

20        (2) As used in this section, "instructional program" means a course  
21 of study leading to certification, licensure, or a degree at the  
22 associate level.

23        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The college board shall have the following  
24 powers and duties in administering the grant program established in  
25 section 2 of this act:

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

27        (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the  
28 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall  
29 include individuals with significant experience in work force training  
30 in areas relevant to one or more of the funding period priorities and  
31 shall include representatives from business, industry, and the  
32 community and technical college system;

33        (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting  
34 grant proposals consistent with overall goals of the program. During  
35 the 1999-2001 biennium, the guidelines shall be consistent with the  
36 criteria outlined in section 2 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The college board may solicit and receive  
2 gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be  
3 made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit  
4 of the purposes of the program and may expend the same or any income  
5 therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The economic incentive grant program account  
7 is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The state  
8 board shall deposit in the account all moneys appropriated or received  
9 under section 4 of this act. Moneys in the fund may be spent only for  
10 the purposes of section 4 of this act. Disbursements from the account  
11 shall be on the authorization of the college board. The account is  
12 subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW,  
13 but no appropriation is required for disbursements.

14       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    The college board shall assure continuing  
15 evaluation of the effectiveness of the economic incentive grants  
16 authorized by section 3 of this act, and before December of each even-  
17 numbered year shall submit a report to the governor and legislature.  
18 In administering the grants, the college board shall require the use of  
19 appropriate fiscal procedures to ensure accountability of public funds.

20       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each  
21 added to chapter 28B.50 RCW.

22       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    (1) The sum of one million five hundred  
23 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is  
24 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, from the general  
25 fund to the state board for community and technical colleges for the  
26 purposes of this act.

27       (2) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, or as  
28 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
29 ending June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the state board for  
30 community and technical colleges for the purposes of this act.

31       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    If any provision of this act or its  
32 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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