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1 AN ACT Relating to work force training using the apprenticeship
2 model; amending RCW 49.04.030; creating new sections; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that apprenticeship as
6 a job training tool is one of the most effective in the state. The
7 state is experiencing a shortage of skilled workers, especially in this
8 period of economic growth. The most severe shortage is for workers
9 with a postsecondary vocational credential.

10 Though apprenticeship as a training model is effective, it
11 represents a very small portion of training that is currently taking
12 place within the work force. It is the intent of the legislature to
13 encourage and foster the greater use of the apprenticeship training
14 model in new and emerging industries.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 49.04.030 and 1979 ex.s. c 37 s 2 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Subject to the confirmation of the state apprenticeship council by
18 a majority vote, the director of labor and industries shall appoint and

1 deputize an assistant director to be known as the supervisor of
2 apprenticeship. Under the supervision of the director of labor and
3 industries and with the advice and guidance of the apprenticeship
4 council, the supervisor shall: (1) Encourage and promote the making of
5 apprenticeship agreements conforming to the standards established by or
6 in accordance with this chapter, and in harmony with the policies of
7 the United States department of labor; (2) encourage and promote
8 apprenticeship opportunities in new and emerging occupations that have
9 not traditionally used the apprenticeship training model to include
10 outreach to employers and the community and technical college system;
11 (3) act as secretary of the apprenticeship council and of state joint
12 apprenticeship committees; ~~((+3+))~~ (4) when so authorized by the
13 apprenticeship council, register such apprenticeship agreements as are
14 in the best interests of the apprentice and conform to the standards
15 established by or in accordance with this chapter; ~~((+4+))~~ (5) keep a
16 record of apprenticeship agreements and upon performance thereof issue
17 certificates of completion of apprenticeship; ~~((+5+))~~ (6) terminate or
18 cancel any apprenticeship agreements in accordance with the provisions
19 of such agreements; and who ~~((+6+))~~ (7) may act to bring about the
20 settlement of differences arising out of the apprenticeship agreement
21 where such differences cannot be adjusted locally or in accordance with
22 the established trade procedure.

23 Related and supplemental instruction for apprentices, coordination
24 of instruction with job experiences, and the selection and training of
25 teachers and coordinators for such instruction shall be the
26 responsibility of the ~~((commission for vocational education and its~~
27 ~~local recognized agency for vocational education))~~ state board for
28 community and technical colleges. The director of labor and industries
29 is authorized to appoint such other personnel as may be necessary to
30 aid the apprenticeship council and the supervisor of apprenticeship in
31 the execution of their functions under this chapter.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on new
33 and emerging apprenticeships is established. The task force shall
34 consist of up to fifteen members, as follows:

35 (i) Two members, one from each of the two largest caucuses of the
36 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

1 (ii) Two members, one from each of the two largest caucuses of the
2 house of representatives, appointed by the co-speakers of the house of
3 representatives;

4 (iii) Up to ten members representing business and labor, primarily
5 from those occupations that have not traditionally used the
6 apprenticeship model such as occupations in high tech industries.
7 Members shall be appointed jointly by the president of the senate and
8 the co-speakers of the house of representatives; and

9 (iv) One member who is an active participant in an apprenticeship
10 program. The member shall be appointed jointly by the president of the
11 senate and the co-speakers of the house of representatives.

12 (b) In addition, the work force training and education coordinating
13 board, the department of labor and industries, the state board for
14 community and technical colleges, and the higher education coordinating
15 board shall cooperate with the joint legislative task force on new and
16 emerging apprenticeships and maintain a liaison representative, who
17 shall be a nonvoting member.

18 (c) The joint legislative task force on new and emerging
19 apprenticeships shall choose its chair from among its membership.

20 (2) The joint legislative task force on new and emerging
21 apprenticeships shall study the following issues:

22 (a) Barriers to the use of new and emerging apprenticeships;

23 (b) Incentives for developing training using the apprenticeship
24 model;

25 (c) The need for resources to manage the administrative process and
26 promotion of the program;

27 (d) The distribution of program costs; and

28 (e) Identification of funding alternatives for providing training
29 through the apprenticeship model.

30 (3) The joint legislative task force on new and emerging
31 apprenticeships, where feasible, may consult with individuals from the
32 public and private sector or ask such persons to establish an advisory
33 committee.

34 (4) The joint legislative task force on new and emerging
35 apprenticeships shall use legislative facilities and staff from senate
36 committee services and the office of program research, but may hire
37 additional staff with specific technical expertise if such expertise is
38 necessary to carry out the mandates of this study. Each nonlegislative
39 member of the task force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in

1 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. All expenses of the task
2 force, including travel, shall be paid jointly by the senate and the
3 house of representatives.

4 (5) The joint legislative task force on new and emerging
5 apprenticeships shall report its findings and recommendations to the
6 legislature by December 1, 2000.

7 (6) This section expires July 1, 2001.

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