
HOUSE BILL 2874

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By Representatives Dunn, Skinner and Carlson

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1 AN ACT Relating to a task force on community and technical college
2 tuition, residency, and compensation; creating a new section; providing
3 an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that a well-
6 trained and educated work force is a key factor in the economic
7 development of the state of Washington. The presence of a high
8 quality, yet affordable system of public colleges and universities is
9 critical in developing such a work force. It is the intent of the
10 legislature to examine the key elements and identify and address any
11 barriers in delivering an excellent and affordable public education to
12 its citizens.

13 (2) A legislative task force on community and technical college
14 tuition, residency, and compensation is established. The task force
15 shall consist of:

16 (a) A maximum of four members of the house of representatives
17 committee on higher education, equally divided from the two largest
18 caucuses and chosen by the co-chairs of the committee on higher
19 education; and

1 (b) Two members of the house of representatives committee on
2 appropriations, equally divided from each of the two largest caucuses
3 and chosen by the co-chairs of the committee on appropriations.

4 In addition, the state board for community and technical colleges,
5 the higher education coordinating board, and the council of presidents
6 shall each cooperate with the task force and each maintain a liaison
7 representative, each of whom shall be nonvoting members.

8 (3) The task force shall conduct an interim study focusing on
9 tuition, residency requirements, and employee compensation at the
10 public community and technical colleges. The study shall include, but
11 not be limited to:

12 (a) What changes, if any, should be made in calculating tuition
13 increases;

14 (b) The impact of the state's rules in setting in-state and out-of-
15 state tuition at the community and technical colleges on the four-year
16 baccalaureate universities and research universities;

17 (c) How the state's residency requirements should be applied to
18 enrollment in distance learning courses; and

19 (d) The impact of salaries and compensation of faculty and staff,
20 including part-time and adjunct employees, on recruiting and retraining
21 faculty, especially in high demand disciplines.

22 (4) The task force, where feasible, may consult with individuals
23 from the public and private sector or ask such persons to establish an
24 advisory committee.

25 (5) The task force shall use legislative facilities and staff from
26 the office of program research.

27 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
28 the legislature by December 1, 2000.

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

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
32 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
33 immediately.

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