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SENATE BILL 5942

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By Senators McAuliffe, Rivers, Rolfes, Litzow, Mullet, Dammeier, Billig, and Fain

Read first time 02/12/15. Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to an outcome evaluation of the national guard 2 youth challenge program; creating a new section; and providing an 3 expiration date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington state institute for 6 public policy shall conduct a longitudinal outcome evaluation of the 7 national guard youth challenge program to determine the impact of the program on students as they proceed through high school and into 8 9 postsecondary education or their careers. The study shall be a retrospective study that examines students who were in the program up 10 11 to ten years ago, depending on data availability, and follow the students through high school and beyond. The study shall examine 12 K-12, postsecondary, employment, and other outcomes of at least three 13 14 student cohorts five years after program completion. The evaluation shall compare outcomes of students who participated in the program 15 16 with a similar group of eligible students who did not participate and 17 include a cost-benefit analysis of program effectiveness. The office of the superintendent of public instruction and the education data 18 center shall provide the institute with the data necessary to conduct 19 20 the evaluation. The institute shall submit a final report on study

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- 1 findings to the governor and relevant committees of the legislature
- 2 by December 15, 2016.
- 3 (2) This section expires August 15, 2017.

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