
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1168

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Haler, Pollet, Appleton, Stanford, Orwall, Sells, Tarleton, Chapman, Goodman, Fitzgibbon, Peterson, Lytton, Doglio, Frame, Farrell, Riccelli, Lovick, Pettigrew, Sawyer, Springer, Ortiz-Self, Bergquist, Ormsby, Fey, Hudgins, Santos, and Macri)

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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting student success at community and
2 technical colleges by increasing full-time faculty; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.52 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that having
6 adequately staffed faculty at the state's community and technical
7 colleges is a significant factor in providing students with academic
8 excellence, better educational opportunities, and overall student
9 success. It is the intent of the legislature to improve student
10 success in the community and technical college system by increasing
11 the number of full-time, tenured academic employee positions at
12 community and technical colleges.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.52
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1)(a) By December 1, 2017, the state board for community and
16 technical colleges must create a plan, to be implemented in phases,
17 to increase the percentage of full-time tenure track positions in
18 community and technical colleges. The legislature's goal is that over
19 the next several years, community and technical colleges increase the
20 numbers of full-time tenured positions by adding thirty-four new

1 full-time tenure track positions in fiscal year 2019 and fifty new
2 full-time tenure track positions in each of the next three biennia,
3 subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific
4 purpose. The first phase-in implementation of the plan must begin by
5 the 2018 fall quarter.

6 (b) The plan must address how to increase full-time tenure track
7 positions at those institutions identified by the state board as
8 having below average percentages of full-time faculty relative to the
9 program mix at the institution, while also recognizing that for
10 certain programs there is a strong rationale for reliance on part-
11 time and adjunct faculty.

12 (c) The plan must include converting part-time faculty positions
13 to full-time positions, creating more opportunities for part-time
14 faculty, and converting classes or assignments left vacant by
15 attrition.

16 (d) In developing the plan, the state board must work
17 collaboratively with each of the community and technical colleges,
18 the collective bargaining representatives, and the legislature.

19 (e) Community and technical colleges shall implement the state
20 board's plan to increase the number of full-time tenured faculty
21 positions on its campus.

22 (2) Community and technical colleges that are required to
23 implement the plan shall provide an annual progress report to the
24 state board for community and technical colleges. The state board
25 shall report to the higher education committees of the legislature by
26 December 1, 2019, and by December 1st every two years thereafter
27 until 2025, regarding updated faculty conversion cost information and
28 information regarding the colleges' progress in increasing full-time
29 tenure or tenure-track employees.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
31 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
32 provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
33 act is null and void.

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