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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; creating a new section; and declaring
4 an emergency.

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

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

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

16 (1)(a) By July 1, 2017, the state board for community and
17 technical colleges must create a plan, to be implemented in phases,
18 with the goal of having seventy percent of all faculty employed in
19 the community and technical college system be full-time tenured or
20 tenure-track positions by the year 2023. The first phase-in

1 implementation of the plan must begin by the community and technical
2 college system's 2018 winter quarter. The eventual seventy percent
3 target must be met both systemwide and at each of the individual
4 community and technical colleges by the year 2023.

5 (b) The plan must include converting part-time faculty positions
6 to full-time positions, creating more opportunities for part-time
7 faculty, and converting classes or assignments left vacant by
8 attrition.

9 (c) In developing the plan, the state board must work
10 collaboratively with each of the community and technical colleges,
11 the collective bargaining representatives, and the legislature.

12 (d) Each community and technical college shall implement the
13 state board's plan to increase the number of full-time tenured
14 faculty positions on its campus.

15 (2) The state board for community and technical colleges shall
16 report to the higher education committees of the legislature by
17 December 1, 2017, and by December 1st every two years thereafter
18 until 2024, regarding updated faculty conversion cost information and
19 information regarding the colleges' progress in increasing the
20 percentage of full-time tenure or tenure-track employees.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
23 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
24 effect immediately.

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