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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the career and college readiness of  
2 public school students; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW;  
3 adding new sections to chapter 28C.18 RCW; and providing expiration  
4 dates.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
9 specific purpose, the work-integrated learning demonstration pilot  
10 project is established. The purpose of the pilot project is to  
11 promote work-integrated learning experiences for students by  
12 providing:

13 (a) An opportunity for students to engage in work-based academic  
14 programs with public and private sector employers, such as  
15 internships, externships, and apprenticeships; and

16 (b) A framework for the development and replication of successful  
17 work-integrated learning programs throughout the state.

18 (2) Demonstration programs established under this section must:

19 (a) Provide academic curricula in a work-integrated and career-  
20 contextualized manner, and include an external mentor for each  
21 student in the program;

1 (b) Be developed by the participating school district or school  
2 in collaboration with students and parents or guardians, local  
3 employers, community members, and the office of the superintendent of  
4 public instruction;

5 (c) Reflect local circumstances, including local industries,  
6 employers, and labor markets;

7 (d) Comply with the twenty-four credit graduation requirements  
8 established by the state board of education; and

9 (e) Be integrated into the high school and beyond plan policies  
10 and practices of the districts in which the selected schools are  
11 located.

12 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction and  
13 the advisory committee created in section 2 of this act, in  
14 accordance with an application process developed by the office and  
15 the advisory committee, shall jointly select at least three but not  
16 more than four high schools to develop work-integrated learning  
17 project programs. Of the selected schools, at least one must be from  
18 a county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, at least  
19 one must be from a county located west of the crest of the Cascade  
20 mountains that has fewer than six hundred thousand residents, and at  
21 least one must be from a county with more than one million five  
22 hundred thousand residents.

23 (4) The schools selected to develop and implement programs under  
24 this section must, after the conclusion of their programs, agree to  
25 serve as resources and examples to other schools of how to provide  
26 work-integrated learning through internship, externship, and  
27 apprenticeship programs through the provision of technical and other  
28 assistance.

29 (5) By August 1, 2019, and August 1, 2020, schools selected to  
30 participate under subsection (3) of this section shall submit to the  
31 office of the superintendent of public instruction, the workforce  
32 training and education coordinating board, and the advisory committee  
33 created in section 2 of this act, an interim and end-of-project  
34 report, respectively, that includes numeric and other data  
35 summarizing the effects of their work-integrated learning project  
36 programs on high school graduation rates, state test scores, and  
37 community partnerships, including partnerships with local employers  
38 and industries. In complying with this subsection, schools shall also  
39 provide other data and information as requested by the workforce  
40 training and education coordinating board and the office of the

1 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 3 of  
2 this act.

3 (6) This section expires September 1, 2021.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
7 specific purpose, the board shall convene a work-integrated learning  
8 advisory committee to provide advice to the legislature and the  
9 education and workforce sectors on creating opportunities for  
10 students to: Explore and understand a wide range of career-related  
11 opportunities through applied learning; engage with industry mentors;  
12 and plan for career and college success.

13 (2) The committee shall:

14 (a) In accordance with section 1(3) of this act, assist the  
15 office of the superintendent of public instruction in the development  
16 of an application process and the selection of high schools to  
17 participate in the pilot project established in section 1 of this  
18 act;

19 (b) Advise the superintendent of public instruction and the board  
20 on the development and implementation of work-integrated  
21 instructional programs;

22 (c) Review the instructional programs of schools selected to  
23 develop and implement work-integrated learning project programs under  
24 section 1 of this act;

25 (d) Analyze barriers to statewide adoption of work-integrated and  
26 career-related learning opportunities and instructional programs;

27 (e) Recommend policies to implement work-integrated and career-  
28 related strategies that increase college and career readiness of  
29 students statewide. Policies recommended under this subsection (2)(e)  
30 may include, but are not limited to, policies related to the  
31 completion of remedial courses required by colleges and universities;  
32 and

33 (f) Consult with individuals from the public and private sectors  
34 with expertise in career and technical education and work-integrated  
35 training, including representatives of labor unions, professional  
36 technical organizations, and business and industry.

37 (3) The committee must, at a minimum, be composed of the  
38 following members:

1 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
2 senate, appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the senate;

3 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
4 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives;

6 (c) The superintendent of public instruction or the  
7 superintendent's designee;

8 (d) One educator representing the K-12 career and technical  
9 education sector, appointed by the superintendent of public  
10 instruction, as determined from recommendations of the association  
11 for career and technical education;

12 (e) One school counselor appointed by the superintendent of  
13 public instruction, as determined from recommendations of the school  
14 counselor association;

15 (f) One educator representing the community and technical  
16 colleges, appointed by the state board for community and technical  
17 colleges;

18 (g) One member of the governor's office specializing in career  
19 and technical education and workforce needs, appointed by the  
20 governor;

21 (h) One member of the workforce training and education  
22 coordinating board;

23 (i) One or more members from employers representing manufacturing  
24 and industry, as determined by the committee; and

25 (j) Other members with specialized expertise, as determined by  
26 the committee.

27 (4) The chair or cochairs of the committee must be selected by  
28 the members of the committee.

29 (5) Staff support for the committee must be provided by the  
30 board.

31 (6) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations  
32 to the superintendent of public instruction, the state board for  
33 community and technical colleges, the state board of education, and,  
34 in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, the education committees and  
35 economic development committees of the house of representatives and  
36 the senate by July 1, 2021.

37 (7) This section expires September 1, 2021.

38 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18  
39 RCW to read as follows:

1           (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
2 specific purpose, the board and the office of the superintendent of  
3 public instruction shall jointly review and analyze the reports and  
4 data submitted in accordance with section 1(5) of this act to  
5 evaluate the work-integrated learning project programs. The purpose  
6 of the evaluation is to determine:

7           (a) The impact on in-school progress, high school graduation  
8 rates, and other indicators of career and college readiness, both  
9 overall and in reducing opportunity gaps;

10           (b) Best practices for partnering with industry and the local  
11 community to create opportunities for applied learning through  
12 internships, externships, apprenticeships, and mentorships; and

13           (c) Best practices for linking high school and beyond plans with  
14 work-integrated and career-related learning opportunities, and  
15 increasing college readiness.

16           (2) The evaluation required by this section must be completed  
17 with sufficient time for the advisory committee established in  
18 section 2 of this act to review the results and incorporate any  
19 provisions into its findings and recommendations.

20           (3) This section expires September 1, 2021.

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