
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5644

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wood, Kohl, Fraser, Prince and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a community college in the People's
2 Republic of China; creating a new section; providing an effective date;
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington
6 state's economic future is world trade.

7 (1) The legislature also finds that it is necessary to expand
8 opportunities for our citizens to gain the tools required for
9 successful competition in the world job market. Washington has
10 significant opportunities for trade with the People's Republic of
11 China. To foster the development of the personal relationships and
12 understandings that will increase the opportunities for successful
13 trade relationships, the task force on international education and
14 cultural exchanges recommended the creation of a planning committee to
15 develop a proposal to establish a community college in the People's
16 Republic of China.

17 (2) A planning committee is established to develop a proposal on a
18 Washington state community college in the People's Republic of China.
19 The planning committee shall include but need not be limited to: Three

1 community college presidents and a representative from the state board
2 for community and technical colleges, each selected by the state board;
3 and a president of a public four-year institution of higher education
4 and one representative from the higher education coordinating board,
5 each selected by the higher education coordinating board, and the
6 secretary of state. The members of the planning committee may each
7 select a designee. The planning committee shall present to the
8 governor, the office of financial management, and the legislature, by
9 November 1995, a preliminary report for implementing improved student
10 exchanges, opportunities for visiting faculty and faculty exchanges,
11 and the potential establishment of a Washington state community college
12 in the People's Republic of China. A final report shall be presented
13 to the governor, the office of financial management, and the
14 legislature by September 1, 1996.

15 (3) The program developed by the planning committee shall include
16 but not be limited to the following parameters:

17 (a) The community college program would be a joint venture of
18 Washington state and the government of the People's Republic of China.
19 Capital costs of the overseas campus should be the responsibility of
20 the Chinese government. Operating costs should be jointly supported
21 and open to private as well as public funds. The staffing of the
22 institution should come from the Washington state community and
23 technical college system. The professors should be rotated to the
24 Chinese campus, thus giving international exposure to a larger number
25 of our Washington state community college staff.

26 (b) The goal of the Chinese campus would be to provide a Washington
27 state associate of arts degree to both Chinese and Washington state
28 students attending the jointly sponsored programs in the People's
29 Republic of China.

30 (c) College credits earned by students receiving an associate of
31 arts degree at the China campus would be transferable to public four-
32 year institutions of higher education in Washington under current
33 transfer policies.

34 (d) Programs would be equivalent to Washington state community
35 college curriculum. The programs would be taught in English, and would
36 be open to both Chinese and Washington state students electing to study
37 in China. To expand the curriculum and opportunities of the China
38 campus, telecommunications delivery of programs should be considered.

1 (e) All Chinese students attending the Chinese community college
2 campus and continuing studies in Washington state institutions of
3 higher education for their four-year degree, will sign a commitment
4 letter stating they will return to China and not extend their stay in
5 the United States beyond the completion of their bachelor's degree.
6 Washington state will work with the United States immigration and
7 naturalization service to have restrictive visas issued to the chinese
8 students studying in this program, ensuring their return to their
9 native country. Strict guidelines would apply.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
13 effect July 1, 1995.

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