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1 AN ACT Relating to the work force training and education
2 coordinating board; amending RCW 28C.18.050; adding new sections to
3 chapter 28C.18 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature continues to recognize
6 the vital role that work force development efforts play in equipping
7 the state's workers with the skills they need to succeed in an economy
8 that requires higher levels of skill and knowledge. The legislature
9 also recognizes that businesses are increasingly relying on the state's
10 work force development programs and expect them to be responsive to
11 their changing skill requirements. The state benefits from a work
12 force development system that allows firms and workers to be highly
13 competitive in global markets.

14 (2) The establishment of the work force training and education
15 coordinating board was an integral step in developing a strategic
16 approach to work force development. For the coordinating board to
17 carry out its intended role, the board must be able to give unambiguous
18 guidance to operating agencies, the governor, and the legislature. It
19 is the intent of this act to clarify the preeminent role intended for

1 the work force training and education coordinating board in
2 coordination and policy development of the state's work force
3 development efforts.

4 For purposes of sections 2 and 4 through 6 of this act, the term
5 "program" shall not refer to the activities of individual institutions
6 such as individual community or technical colleges, common schools,
7 service delivery areas, or job service centers; nor shall it refer to
8 individual fields of study or courses.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The state comprehensive plan for work
10 force training and education shall be updated every two years and
11 presented to the governor and the appropriate legislative policy
12 committees. Following public hearings, the legislature shall, by
13 concurrent resolution, approve or recommend changes to the initial plan
14 and the updates. The plan shall then become the state's work force
15 training policy unless legislation is enacted to alter the policies set
16 forth in the plan.

17 (2) The comprehensive plan shall include work force training role
18 and mission statements for the work force development programs of
19 operating agencies represented on the board and sufficient specificity
20 regarding expected actions by the operating agencies to allow them to
21 carry out actions consistent with the comprehensive plan.

22 (3) Operating agencies represented on the board shall have
23 operating plans for their work force development efforts that are
24 consistent with the comprehensive plan and that provide detail on
25 implementation steps they will take to carry out their responsibilities
26 under the plan. Each operating agency represented on the board shall
27 provide an annual progress report to the board.

28 (4) The comprehensive plan shall include recommendations to the
29 legislature and the governor on the modification, consolidation,
30 initiation, or elimination of work force training and education
31 programs in the state.

32 (5) The board shall report to the appropriate legislative policy
33 committees by December 1 of each year on its progress in implementing
34 the comprehensive plan and on the progress of the operating agencies in
35 meeting their obligations under the plan.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28C.18.050 and 1991 c 238 s 6 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 (1) The board shall be designated as the state board of vocational
2 education as provided for in P.L. 98-524, as amended, and shall perform
3 such functions as is necessary to comply with federal directives
4 pertaining to the provisions of such law.

5 (2) The board shall perform the functions of the human resource
6 investment council as provided for in the federal job training
7 partnership act, P.L. 97-300, as amended.

8 (3) The board shall provide policy advice for any federal act
9 pertaining to work force development that is not required by state or
10 federal law to be provided by another state body.

11 (4) Upon enactment of new federal initiatives relating to work
12 force development, the board shall advise the governor and the
13 legislature on mechanisms for integrating the federal initiatives into
14 the state's work force development system and make recommendations on
15 the legislative or administrative measures necessary to streamline and
16 coordinate state efforts to meet federal guidelines.

17 (5) The board shall monitor for consistency with the state
18 comprehensive plan for work force training and education the policies
19 and plans established by the state job training coordinating council,
20 the advisory council on adult education, and the Washington state plan
21 for adult basic education, and provide guidance for making such
22 policies and plans consistent with the state comprehensive plan for
23 work force training and education.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The board shall specify, by July 1,
25 1995, the common core data to be collected by the operating agencies of
26 the state training system and the standards for data collection and
27 maintenance required in RCW 28C.18.060(8).

28 (2) The minimum standards for program evaluation by operating
29 agencies required in RCW 28C.18.060(9) shall include biennial program
30 evaluations; the first of such evaluations shall be completed by the
31 operating agencies July 1, 1996. The program evaluation of adult basic
32 skills education shall be provided by the advisory council on adult
33 education.

34 (3) The board shall complete, by January 1, 1996, its first
35 outcome-based evaluation and, by September 1, 1996, its nonexperimental
36 net-impact and cost-benefit evaluations of the training system. The
37 outcome, net-impact, and cost-benefit evaluations shall for the first
38 evaluations, include evaluations of each of the following programs:

1 Secondary vocational-technical education, work-related adult basic
2 skills education, postsecondary work force training, job training
3 partnership act titles II and III, as well as of the system as a whole.

4 (4) The board shall use the results of its outcome, net-impact, and
5 cost-benefit evaluations to develop and make recommendations to the
6 legislature and the governor for the modification, consolidation,
7 initiation, or elimination of work force training and education
8 programs in the state.

9 The board shall perform the requirements of this section in
10 cooperation with the operating agencies.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The board shall, by January 1, 1996, and
12 biennially thereafter: (1) Assess the total demand for training from
13 the perspective of workers, and from the perspective of employers; (2)
14 assess the available supply of publicly and privately provided training
15 which workers and employers are demanding; (3) assess the costs to the
16 state of meeting the demand; and (4) present the legislature and the
17 governor with a strategy for bridging the gap between the supply and
18 the demand for training services.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The board shall, in cooperation with the
20 operating agencies, by January 1, 1996:

21 (1) Identify policies to reduce administrative and other barriers
22 to efficient operation of the state's work force development system and
23 barriers to improved coordination of work force development in the
24 state. These policies shall include waivers of statutory requirements
25 and administrative rules, as well as implementation of one-stop access
26 to work force development services and school-to-work transition;

27 (2) Identify ways for operating agencies to share resources,
28 instructors, and curricula through collaboration with other public and
29 private entities to increase training opportunities and reduce costs;
30 and

31 (3) Report to the governor and the appropriate legislative
32 committees its recommendations for any statutory changes necessary to
33 enhance operational efficiencies or improve coordination. The board
34 shall work with the operating agencies of the state's work force
35 development system to reduce administrative barriers that do not
36 require statutory changes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 and 4 through 6 of this act are
2 each added to chapter 28C.18 RCW.

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