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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives McMorris, Clements, Boldt, Lisk and D. Sommers)

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1 AN ACT Relating to work force training; and creating new sections.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the work force
4 training and education coordinating board has identified work force
5 development goals, performance indicators, standards, and evaluation
6 criteria for our state's comprehensive work force training system.
7 However, despite these efforts, the legislature finds that Washington's
8 work force training system is unduly fragmented, spending eight hundred
9 sixty-six million dollars in fiscal year 1996 through eighteen agencies
10 and more than sixty-eight different training programs. In order to
11 identify and coordinate the most efficacious use of work force training
12 funding and to streamline program efforts, the legislature finds that
13 the work force training and education coordinating board must intensify
14 its efforts on: (1) Identification of program funding; (2) options for
15 program consolidation; and (3) coordination of related programs in
16 order to redirect resources toward programs that most effectively meet
17 the needs of those businesses that produce family wage jobs for workers
18 in our state.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of this act, the term
2 "program" does not include the activities of individual institutions,
3 such as individual community or technical colleges, common schools,
4 service delivery areas, or job service centers, or individual fields of
5 study or courses.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) By December 1, 1997, the work force
7 training and education coordinating board shall prepare a comprehensive
8 report to the legislature identifying all current work force training
9 programs available in our state. For each program identified in the
10 report, the board shall, at a minimum, include the following
11 information:

12 (a) The program's funding sources, whether state or federal,
13 including a breakdown by administrative and direct service expenditures
14 at the state, regional, and local levels. For the purposes of this
15 subsection, the board shall define "administration" and "direct service
16 cost" so as to ensure that the aggregate report will be comparable
17 among programs;

18 (b) An indication of whether or not matching funds are required for
19 the receipt of funds and, if so, by whom;

20 (c) A statement of whether waivers are available from program or
21 funding regulations;

22 (d) The current number of program participants and their geographic
23 representation;

24 (e) Any program participation requirements for qualification to
25 enter the program;

26 (f) A review of program regulations;

27 (g) The type of training and other services provided to program
28 participants;

29 (h) A review of program completion rates for a period of five years
30 or the existence of the program, whichever is less; and

31 (i) A review of job placement rates in relation to training
32 activities for a period of five years or the existence of the program,
33 whichever is less.

34 (2) All current work force training programs available in our state
35 shall participate in the preparation of this report as required by the
36 board. If any work force training program fails to participate in the
37 report, that fact shall be highlighted in the report.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) By December 1, 1997, the work force
2 training and education coordinating board, using the information
3 compiled under section 3 of this act and the outcome, net-impact, and
4 cost-benefit evaluations required in RCW 28C.18.090, shall provide the
5 legislature with efficiency recommendations including modification,
6 consolidation, or elimination of programs identified in section 3 of
7 this act. At a minimum, the recommendations must include all state
8 board for community and technical colleges administered vocational
9 programs; dislocated worker training programs; adult basic education
10 programs; secondary vocational education; participating private
11 vocational school programs; job training partnership act titles IIA,
12 IIB, IIC, and III; and the state job skills program.

13 (2) The recommendations in this report must take into account any
14 performance reports available for the programs.

15 (3) The recommendations made under this section must include
16 provisions that will streamline and coordinate program offerings and
17 direct training resources in response to local labor market demand.
18 The board shall also provide recommendations to improve program
19 effectiveness measured by retention and completion rates for program
20 participants, and job placement and retention rates of participants in
21 relation to training activities.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The joint legislative audit and review
23 committee shall:

24 (1) Conduct a performance evaluation of the work force training and
25 education coordinating board. The evaluation must include an
26 assessment of the degree to which tasks required of the board under RCW
27 28C.18.060 have been completed, an assessment of the barriers that
28 exist to completion of required tasks, and an assessment of board
29 recommendations and the underlying analysis used to support those
30 recommendations; and

31 (2) Report its findings to the appropriate committees of the
32 legislature by December 1, 1997.

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