
SENATE BILL 6095

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1 AN ACT Relating to state funding for the enrollments of the
2 state's institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.10.776,
3 28B.10.778, 28B.10.784, and 43.88C.010; creating a new section; and
4 repealing RCW 28B.10.780 and 28B.10.782.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that major
7 technological, economic, and demographic changes have increased the
8 demand for training and education to maintain a high quality,
9 competitive work force, and a well-educated populace to meet the
10 challenges of the twenty-first century. Therefore, the legislature
11 finds that there is increasing demand for postsecondary educational
12 opportunities for citizens of the state of Washington.

13 The legislature declares that the policy of the state of
14 Washington is to improve the access to, and the quality of, this
15 state's postsecondary educational system. The budgetary policy of the
16 state is to provide a level of fiscal commitment to the state's
17 postsecondary educational system commensurate with the responsibility
18 of the state to the educational and professional improvement of its
19 citizens and work force.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.776 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 2 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 It is the policy of the state of Washington that the ~~((essential~~
4 ~~requirements level))~~ state budget ~~((calculation))~~ for institutions of
5 higher education include enrollment levels necessary to ~~((maintain,~~
6 ~~by educational sector, the participation rate funded in the 1993~~
7 ~~fiscal year. The participation rate shall be based on the state's~~
8 ~~estimated population ages seventeen and above by appropriate age~~
9 ~~groups))~~ meet the demand for higher education in the state.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.778 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 3 are each amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) It is the policy of the state of Washington that ~~((, for new~~
13 ~~enrollments provided under RCW 28B.10.776, the essential requirements~~
14 ~~level budget calculation for those enrollments shall))~~ the state
15 omnibus appropriations act must, each biennium, at a minimum, include
16 a funding level per full-time equivalent student that is equal to the
17 per-student rate assumed in the omnibus appropriations act for the
18 last fiscal year of the previous biennium ~~((for the instructional,~~
19 ~~primary support, and library programs,))~~ plus ~~((an))~~ inflation
20 ~~((factor. The inflation factor should be equivalent to the inflation~~
21 ~~factor used to calculate basic education in the common school system~~
22 ~~budget request submitted by the governor))~~.

23 (2) As used in this section, "inflation" means the percentage
24 change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption
25 expenditures for the United States as published for the most recent
26 twelve-month period by the bureau of economic analysis of the federal
27 department of commerce.

28 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.784 and 2012 c 229 s 517 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 The ~~((participation rate))~~ enrollment levels used to calculate
31 ~~((enrollment))~~ state funding levels under RCW 28B.10.776 and
32 ~~((28B.10.782))~~ 28B.10.778 shall be ~~((based on))~~ the fall enrollment
33 reported in the higher education enrollment report as maintained by
34 the ~~((office of financial management, fall enrollment as reported in~~
35 ~~the management information system of the state board for community~~
36 ~~and technical colleges, and the corresponding fall population~~
37 ~~forecast by the office of financial management. Formal estimates of~~
38 ~~the state participation rates and enrollment levels necessary to~~

1 ~~fulfill the requirements of RCW 28B.10.776 and 28B.10.782 shall be~~
2 ~~determined by the office of financial management)) caseload forecast~~
3 ~~council as part of its responsibility to develop and maintain student~~
4 ~~enrollment forecasts for colleges and universities under RCW~~
5 ~~43.62.050. ((Formal estimates of)) The state ((participation rates~~
6 ~~and)) enrollment levels required by this section shall be based on~~
7 ~~procedures and standards established by a technical work group~~
8 ~~consisting of staff from the student achievement council, the public~~
9 ~~four-year institutions of higher education, the state board for~~
10 ~~community and technical colleges, the fiscal and higher education~~
11 ~~committees of the house of representatives and the senate, and the~~
12 ~~((office of financial management. Formal estimates of the state~~
13 ~~participation rates and)) caseload forecast council. The enrollment~~
14 ~~levels required by this section shall be submitted to the fiscal~~
15 ~~committees of the house of representatives and senate on or before~~
16 ~~November 15th of each ((even-numbered)) year. ((The student~~
17 ~~achievement council shall periodically review the enrollment goals~~
18 ~~set forth in RCW 28B.10.776 and 28B.10.782 and submit recommendations~~
19 ~~concerning modification of these goals to the governor and to the~~
20 ~~higher education committees of the house of representatives and the~~
21 ~~senate.))~~

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2013 c 332 s 11 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
25 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
26 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of
27 the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
28 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from
29 among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other
30 officers as the members deem necessary.

31 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
32 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
33 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

34 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of
35 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
36 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
37 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
38 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
39 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The

1 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes
2 of this section.

3 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation
4 of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
5 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
6 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
7 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
8 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved
9 by the council.

10 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for
11 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
12 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on
13 assumptions specified by the member.

14 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
15 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
16 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the
17 council or on official business authorized by the council.
18 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel
19 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

20 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

21 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement
22 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,
23 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
24 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common
25 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
26 adoption support;

27 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
28 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an
29 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

30 (c) The number of students expected to enroll in an institution
31 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 in order to
32 calculate state funding as provided in RCW 28B.10.784.

33 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
34 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
35 programs as a courtesy.

36 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth
37 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW
38 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster
39 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

1 (10) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
2 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are
4 each repealed:

5 (1) RCW 28B.10.780 (Budget calculation—Funding level) and 1993
6 sp.s. c 15 s 4; and

7 (2) RCW 28B.10.782 (Budget calculation—Increased enrollment
8 target level—Availability of information) and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 5.

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