

SB 5327 - DIGEST

Creates a career connected learning cross-agency work group to: (1) Scale up and expand high-quality career connected learning opportunities in communities across the state; and

(2) Coordinate agency functions and external partnerships and carry out certain duties and responsibilities.

Establishes the career connected learning grant program as a competitive grant program to advance the strategic plan.

Creates the career connected learning account and allows the employment security department to use funds deposited in the account for purposes of the grant program.

Requires the following to employ or contract with at least one career connected learning coordinator: The state board for community and technical colleges, the University of Washington, Washington State University, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board, in cooperation with operating agencies of the state training system and private career schools and colleges, to: Ensure that expansion of K-12 and postsecondary opportunities for career connected learning is incorporated into the state plan adopted for the purposes of the Carl D. Perkins career and technical education improvement act.