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1 AN ACT Relating to additional enrollments at institutions of higher
2 education; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act shall be known as the higher
6 education opportunity act of 1991.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state of Washington has historically
8 given high priority to the higher education needs of its citizens. As
9 we move to the twenty-first century and to the more competitive world
10 economy that it brings, it is imperative that we provide access to all
11 of the types of higher education that are needed by the citizens of
12 Washington. Washington has developed one of the finest community
13 college systems in the country. The higher education coordinating
14 board has determined that there is a need in this state for increased

1 participation at the upper-division and graduate levels and that
2 baccalaureate and graduate degrees need to be earned at an increased
3 rate for our citizens to maintain competitiveness in the world economy.
4 There is also a need to increase the opportunity for citizens to learn
5 entry-level skills and trades resulting in their ability to become
6 productive individuals in our society and not depend on the state for
7 subsistence grants.

8 It is the intent of this act to modify the present enrollment lids
9 which limit the size of the student population on the public higher
10 education campuses in the state. This act will be the first step
11 toward meeting the educational needs of our citizens in the 1990's. It
12 is further the intent of this act to endorse the long-term enrollment
13 goals established by the higher education coordinating board. This act
14 moves toward achieving the goals of a participation rate equal to the
15 70th percentile of national participation rates for upper-division and
16 graduate students and a participation rate equal to the 90th percentile
17 of national participation rates for all lower-division students.

18 The legislature finds that the present enrollment lids at the
19 public institutions are artificially set and that an increase in the
20 number of full-time equivalent enrollments on the campuses can be
21 accomplished without additional capital construction. The legislature
22 further finds that at many of our state institutions of higher
23 education there is the physical capacity available to accept new
24 students, and there is also a desire among the institutions to accept
25 new enrollments in the coming biennium. It is the intent of this act
26 to remain sensitive to the capability and capacity of each institution
27 to accept additional enrollments.

28 It is not the intent of this act to emphasize access to the
29 detriment of quality in the educational programs of our institutions.
30 Therefore, it is the intent of this act to provide a funding level for

1 additional enrollments that is based on the 1990 higher education
2 coordinating board cost study and will include both the direct and
3 indirect costs associated with additional student enrollments. It is
4 the intent of this act to begin the process of affording a place in the
5 higher education system for all citizens of Washington who are
6 qualified for and desirous of earning a college degree, and to assure
7 that the quality of those degrees are not jeopardized by inadequate
8 funding levels.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The new enrollments authorized in
10 sections 4 through 10 of this act are additional state-funded
11 enrollments at our state institutions of higher education above the
12 level established for each institution during the 1989-91 biennium.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state-funded enrollment level at the
14 University of Washington shall be increased by two hundred forty-five
15 full-time equivalent students during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an
16 additional three hundred ninety-eight full-time equivalent students
17 during the 1992-93 fiscal year. The new enrollments authorized in this
18 section are subject to the following distribution:

19 (1) The enrollment level at the Tacoma branch campus shall be
20 increased by one hundred seventeen full-time equivalent upper-division
21 and graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an
22 additional one hundred ninety-nine full-time equivalent upper-division
23 and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

24 (2) The enrollment level at the Bothell/Woodinville branch campus
25 shall be increased by eighty-eight full-time equivalent upper-division
26 and graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an
27 additional one hundred sixty-four full-time equivalent upper-division
28 and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

1 (3) The enrollment level in the evening program shall be increased
2 by forty full-time equivalent upper-division and graduate enrollments
3 during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional thirty-five full-time
4 equivalent upper-division and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93
5 fiscal year.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The state-funded enrollment level at
7 Washington State University shall be increased by four hundred seventy-
8 four full-time equivalent students during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus
9 an additional seven hundred eighty-five full-time equivalent students
10 during the 1992-93 fiscal year. The new enrollments authorized in this
11 section are subject to the following distribution:

12 (1) The enrollment level at the Pullman campus shall be increased
13 by one hundred seventy-five full-time equivalent upper-division and
14 seventy-five full-time equivalent graduate enrollments during the 1991-
15 92 fiscal year plus an additional one hundred seventy-five full-time
16 equivalent upper-division and seventy-five full-time equivalent
17 graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

18 (2) The enrollment level at the southwest Washington branch campus
19 shall be increased by one hundred twenty full-time equivalent upper-
20 division and graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus
21 an additional two hundred eighty full-time equivalent upper-division
22 and graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

23 (3) The enrollment level at the Spokane branch campus shall be
24 increased by thirty-nine full-time equivalent upper-division and
25 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
26 eighty full-time equivalent upper-division and graduate enrollments
27 during the 1992-93 fiscal year;

28 (4) The enrollment level at the Tri-Cities branch campus shall be
29 increased by sixty-five full-time equivalent upper-division and

1 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
2 one hundred seventy-five full-time equivalent upper-division and
3 graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The state-funded enrollment level at
5 Central Washington University shall be increased by two hundred fifty
6 full-time equivalent upper-division and fifty full-time equivalent
7 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
8 two hundred full-time equivalent upper-division and fifty full-time
9 equivalent graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The state-funded enrollment level at
11 Eastern Washington University shall be increased by one hundred fifty
12 full-time equivalent upper-division and fifty full-time equivalent
13 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional
14 one hundred fifty full-time equivalent upper-division and fifty full-
15 time equivalent graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The state-funded enrollment level at The
17 Evergreen State College shall be increased by forty-five full-time
18 equivalent upper-division and five full-time equivalent graduate
19 enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional forty-
20 five full-time equivalent upper-division and five full-time equivalent
21 graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The state-funded enrollment level at
23 Western Washington University shall be increased by one hundred twenty
24 full-time equivalent upper-division and eighty full-time equivalent
25 graduate enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year plus an additional

1 two hundred twenty full-time equivalent upper-division and eighty full-
2 time equivalent graduate enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The state-funded enrollment in the state
4 community college system shall be increased by three thousand five
5 hundred full-time equivalent enrollments during the 1991-92 fiscal year
6 plus an additional three thousand five hundred full-time equivalent
7 enrollments during the 1992-93 fiscal year. These new enrollments
8 shall be distributed throughout the system by the state board for
9 community college education consistent with legislative intent.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** 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, 1991.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** If specific funding for the purposes of
15 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
16 30, 1990, through the passage of Senate Bill (S-644.1/91) or in
17 the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and void.