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3 By Conference Committee

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 50.65.030 and 1987 c 167 s 3 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 The Washington service corps is established within the employment
10 security department. The commissioner shall:

11 (1) Appoint a director (~~((for the exchange))~~) and other personnel as
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

13 (2) Coordinate youth employment and training efforts under the
14 department's jurisdiction and cooperate with other agencies or
15 departments providing youth services to ensure that funds appropriated
16 for the purposes of this chapter will not be expended to duplicate
17 existing services, but will increase the services of youth to the
18 state;

19 (3) The employment security department is authorized to place
20 subgrants with other federal, state, and local governmental agencies
21 and private agencies to provide youth employment projects and to
22 increase the numbers of youth employed;

23 (4) Determine appropriate financial support levels by private
24 business, community groups, foundations, public agencies, and
25 individuals which will provide matching funds for enrollees in service
26 projects under work agreements. The matching funds requirement may be
27 waived for public agencies or reduced for private agencies;

28 (5) Recruit enrollees who are residents of the state unemployed at
29 the time of application and are at least eighteen years of age but have
30 not reached their twenty-sixth birthday;

31 (6) Recruit supervising agencies to host the enrollees in full-time
32 service activities which shall not exceed (~~((six))~~) eleven months'
33 duration(~~((, which may be extended for an additional six months by~~
34 ~~mutual consent))~~);

35 (7) Assist supervising agencies in the development of scholarships
36 and matching funds from private and public agencies, individuals, and

1 foundations in order to support a portion of the enrollee's stipend and
2 benefits;

3 (8) Develop general employment guidelines for placement of
4 enrollees in supervising agencies to establish appropriate authority
5 for hiring, firing, grievance procedures, and employment standards
6 which are consistent with state and federal law;

7 (9) Match enrollees with appropriate public agencies and available
8 service projects;

9 (10) Monitor enrollee activities for compliance with this chapter
10 and compliance with work agreements;

11 (11) Assist enrollees in transition to employment upon termination
12 from the programs, including such activities as orientation to the
13 labor market, on-the-job training, and placement in the private sector;

14 (12) Establish a program for providing incentives to encourage
15 successful completion of terms of enrollment in the service corps and
16 the continuation of educational pursuits. Such incentives shall be in
17 the form of educational assistance equivalent to two years of community
18 or technical college tuition for eleven months of service. Educational
19 assistance funding shall only be used for tuition, fees, and course-
20 related books and supplies. Enrollees who receive educational
21 assistance funding shall start using it within one year of their
22 service completion and shall finish using it within four years of their
23 service completion;

24 (13) Enter into agreements with the state's community and technical
25 college system and other educational institutions or independent
26 nonprofit agencies to provide special education in basic skills,
27 including reading, writing, and mathematics for those participants who
28 may benefit by participation in such classes. Participation is not
29 mandatory but shall be strongly encouraged.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.65.040 and 1987 c 167 s 4 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The commissioner may select and enroll in the Washington service
33 corps program any person who is at least eighteen years of age but has
34 not reached their twenty-sixth birthday, is a resident of the state,
35 and who is not for medical, legal, or psychological reasons incapable
36 of service. ~~((In the selection of enrollees of the service corps,~~
37 ~~preference shall be given to youths residing in areas, both urban and~~
38 ~~rural, in which there exists substantial unemployment above the state~~

1 average.)) Efforts shall be made to enroll youths who are
2 economically, socially, physically, or educationally disadvantaged.
3 The commissioner may prescribe such additional standards and procedures
4 in consultation with supervising agencies as may be necessary in
5 conformance with this chapter. In addition, the commissioner may
6 select and enroll youth fourteen to seventeen years of age on special
7 projects during the summer and at other times during the school year
8 that may complement and support their school curriculum or that link
9 and support service with learning.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 50.65.060 and 1987 c 167 s 6 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 Placements in the Washington service corps shall be made in
13 supervising agencies under work agreements as provided under this
14 chapter and shall include those assignments which provide for
15 addressing community needs and conservation problems and will assist
16 the community in economic development efforts. Each work agreement
17 shall:

18 (1) Demonstrate that the service project is appropriate for the
19 enrollee's interests, skills, and abilities and that the project is
20 designed to meet unmet community needs;

21 (2) Include a requirement of regular performance evaluation. This
22 shall include clear work performance standards set by the supervising
23 agency and procedures for identifying strengths, recommended
24 improvement areas and conditions for probation or dismissal of the
25 enrollee; and

26 (3) Include a commitment for partial financial support for the
27 enrollee (~~for a~~) from private industry, public (~~agency~~) agencies,
28 community groups, or foundations. The commissioner may establish
29 additional standards for the development of placements for enrollees
30 with supervising agencies and assure that the work agreements comply
31 with those standards. This section shall not apply to conservation
32 corps programs established by chapter 43.220 RCW.

33 Agencies of the state may use the (~~youth employment exchange~~)
34 Washington service corps for the purpose of employing youth qualifying
35 under this chapter.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** For each enrollee, the work agreements, or
37 combination of work agreements, developed under RCW 50.65.060 shall:

1 (1) Include a variety of experiences consisting of: Indoor
2 activities; outdoor activities; and volunteer activities;

3 (2) Provide time for participation in a core training program
4 common to all participants.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The Washington service corps scholarship
6 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. The account
7 shall consist of a portion of Washington service corps funding,
8 deposited by the commissioner, in an amount sufficient to provide for
9 the future awarding of educational assistance grants described in RCW
10 50.65.030. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
11 educational assistance grants described in RCW 50.65.030. Only the
12 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may authorize expenditures
13 from the account. The account is subject to the allotment procedures
14 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
15 expenditures. All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the
16 account shall be deposited to the treasury income account created in
17 RCW 43.84.092.

18 **Sec. 6.** RCW 50.65.080 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 50 s 8 are each amended
19 to read as follows:

20 The commissioner shall seek and may accept, on behalf of the
21 (~~youth employment exchange~~) Washington service corps, charitable
22 donations of cash and other assistance including, but not limited to,
23 equipment and materials if the donations are available for appropriate
24 use for the purposes set forth in this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 50.65.900 and 1987 c 167 s 9 & 1983 1st
26 ex.s. c 50 s 14 are each repealed.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 4 and 5 of this act are each added
28 to chapter 50.65 RCW.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
32 effect July 1, 1993.

