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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In order to secure for the citizens of  
8 Washington the advantages that would accrue through cooperative  
9 arrangements with accredited independent colleges and universities  
10 situated in the state, especially those offering programs in localities  
11 not directly served by a resident public program or institution of  
12 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the higher education  
13 coordinating board may contract for instructional program services with  
14 one or more such independent institutions, using funds appropriated  
15 therefor. Such contracts shall encourage, promote, and facilitate the  
16 coordination of educational developments that are beneficial to the  
17 citizens of the state, that increase the use of available facilities,  
18 that prevent the duplication of educational programs, and that motivate  
19 cooperative educational efforts.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
21 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
22 chapter.

23 (1) "Instructional program" means a course of study leading to  
24 certification, licensure, or a degree at the baccalaureate, master's,  
25 or doctoral levels.

26 (2) "Independent college or university" means a private, nonprofit  
27 educational institution, the main campus of which is permanently  
28 situated in the state, that is open to residents of the state, that  
29 neither restricts entry on racial or religious grounds, that provides  
30 programs of education beyond the high school leading at least to the  
31 baccalaureate degree, and that is accredited by the Northwest  
32 association of schools and colleges or by an accrediting association  
33 recognized by the higher education coordinating board for the purposes  
34 of this chapter.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The higher education coordinating board,  
2 using funds appropriated therefor, may enter into contracts with  
3 independent colleges or universities for instructional program services  
4 if the contracts meet the following conditions:

5        (1) There has been a finding of need and that the contract  
6 represents the most cost-effective way of providing the services;

7        (2) The criteria for evaluation used in reviewing the content of  
8 the programs considered for contracting is uniform and applicable to  
9 all eligible independent colleges or universities;

10       (3) Only resident students, as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and  
11 28B.15.013 may be considered within the terms of the contract for  
12 financial purposes; and

13       (4) The programs considered for contracting are required to go  
14 through the program approval process established in RCW 28B.80.340 as  
15 it applies to the development and approval of new programs in the  
16 public higher education institutions.

17       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The higher education coordinating board  
18 shall assure continuing evaluation of the effectiveness of the  
19 contractual arrangements authorized by this chapter, and on or before  
20 February 1st of each odd-numbered year shall submit biennial reports to  
21 the governor and the legislature. In administering this chapter, the  
22 board shall require the use of appropriate fiscal procedures to ensure  
23 accountability of public funds.

24       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The higher education coordinating board  
25 shall identify the localities in the state and the instructional  
26 program areas in which contracting for instructional program services  
27 would be a cost-effective way of meeting identified needs.

28       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall  
29 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW."

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4 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "services;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new chapter to Title  
6 28B RCW."

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