

SSB 5677 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Higher Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that to achieve
4 the goals of education reform and improve student learning and
5 achievement, the separate public education systems should strive to
6 create a seamless system of education from grades K-12 through
7 higher education. The legislature further finds that a seamless
8 system is a system where there is an easy transition from one
9 system to another system. The legislature further finds that a
10 seamless system begins with close collaboration and coordination
11 between the state-level policy boards, as well as the office of the
12 superintendent of public instruction, the council of presidents,
13 and the legislature.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 Each year in September or December, an annual meeting
17 coordinated by the council of presidents shall focus attention on
18 the practical implementation of cross-sector education policies.
19 Participants in the annual meeting shall include the state board of
20 education, the higher education coordinating board, the state board
21 for community and technical colleges, the superintendent of public
22 instruction, the council of presidents, the workforce training and
23 education coordinating board, and legislators from the higher
24 education, education, and fiscal committees. A specific and
25 focused agenda for the annual meeting shall include efforts to
26 improve articulation among high schools and two and four-year
27 institutions of higher education; efforts to increase student
28 success in completing math requirements in high school and college
29 through alignment of standards and improved instruction, advising,

1 and assessment; and development of standards for the knowledge and
2 skills students need to be ready for college-level work. Each year
3 after the annual meeting, the council of presidents will summarize
4 the results of the meeting and propose an action plan for the
5 ensuing year to the higher education and education committees of
6 the legislature."

7 Correct the title accordingly.

EFFECT: The annual meeting of the education sectors and legislators will be coordinated by the Council of Presidents, who will also summarize the meeting results and propose an action plan for the coming year.

The agenda will include efforts to improve articulation among high schools and two and four-year institutions; standards for math requirements and improvement of instruction, advising, and assessment of math; and development of knowledge and skills for college-level work.

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is added to the meeting participant list.