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1 AN ACT Relating to directing the University of Washington to
2 contract with private entities in the provision of student food
3 services; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 41.06 RCW; providing an effective date; providing
5 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) It is the legislature's intent to conduct a pilot test to
10 determine whether providing student food services through contracts
11 with local restaurants, restaurant franchises, or other private food
12 purveyors can be cost-effective and have a positive impact on student
13 satisfaction with food services.

14 (2) Beginning July 1, 2003, the board of regents of the University
15 of Washington shall designate a portion of student food services to be
16 provided through contracts under this section. The designated portion
17 of student food services must be of a size sufficient to permit a valid
18 comparison over at least a four-year period between contracted food
19 services and food services provided directly by the university.

1 (3) Using a competitive process in compliance with RCW 28B.10.029,
2 the board shall contract with local restaurants, restaurant franchises,
3 or other private food purveyors to provide the portion of student food
4 services designated under subsection (2) of this section. The board
5 shall structure the solicitation of contracts in such a way to permit
6 multiple contractors to provide the student food services. The
7 contracts under this section may not extend beyond June 30, 2008.

8 (4) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct
9 a performance audit of the implementation of this section to determine
10 whether the pilot test resulted in cost savings and had an impact on
11 student satisfaction with food services and shall report to the
12 legislature by December 1, 2007, on the results of the audit. The
13 performance audit must include a student satisfaction survey.

14 (5) This section expires July 1, 2008.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) This chapter does not prohibit the University of Washington
18 from providing a portion of student food services through contracts
19 with private entities as required under section 1 of this act.

20 (2) This section expires July 1, 2008.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
24 July 1, 2003.

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