
SENATE BILL 5677

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By Senators McAuliffe, Carlson, Parlette, Eide, Rasmussen, Regala, Schmidt, Kohl-Welles and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to cooperation among education policy boards;
2 amending RCW 28A.305.120, 28B.50.050, and 28B.80.420; and creating a
3 new section.

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

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

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.305.120 and 1984 c 287 s 60 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The state board of education shall hold an annual meeting and such
16 other regular meetings at such time and place within the state as the
17 board shall determine and may hold such special meetings as may be
18 deemed necessary for the transaction of public business, such special

1 meetings to be called by the superintendent of public instruction, or
2 by a majority of the board. The state board of education shall meet
3 jointly with the higher education coordinating board at least once each
4 year on issues of relevance to both boards. The state board of
5 education shall also meet jointly with the state board for community
6 and technical colleges at least once each year on issues of relevance
7 to both boards. The state board of education may choose to meet
8 jointly with the higher education coordinating board and the state
9 board for community and technical colleges at the same meeting. The
10 persons serving as members of the state board of education shall be
11 compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed by
12 the superintendent of public instruction for travel expenses in
13 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 incurred in the performance
14 of their duties which expenses shall be paid by the state treasurer on
15 warrants out of funds appropriated or otherwise available, upon the
16 order of the superintendent.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.50.050 and 1991 c 238 s 30 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 There is hereby created the "state board for community and
20 technical colleges", to consist of nine members who represent the
21 geographic diversity of the state, and who shall be appointed by the
22 governor, with the consent of the senate. At least two members shall
23 reside east of the Cascade mountains. In making these appointments,
24 the governor shall attempt to provide geographic balance and give
25 consideration to representing labor, business, women, and racial and
26 ethnic minorities, among the membership of the board. At least one
27 member of the board shall be from business and at least one member of
28 the board shall be from labor. The current members of the state board
29 for community college education on September 1, 1991, shall serve on
30 the state board for community and technical colleges until their terms
31 expire. Successors to these members shall be appointed according to
32 the terms of this section. A ninth member shall be appointed by
33 September 1, 1991, for a complete term.

34 The successors of the members initially appointed shall be
35 appointed for terms of four years except that a person appointed to
36 fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of any term shall be

1 appointed only for the remainder of such term. Each member shall serve
2 until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. All
3 members shall be citizens and bona fide residents of the state.

4 Members of the college board shall be compensated in accordance
5 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses
6 in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 for each day actually
7 spent in attending to the duties as a member of the college board.

8 The members of the college board may be removed by the governor for
9 inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, in the manner
10 provided by RCW 28B.10.500.

11 The state board for community and technical colleges shall meet
12 jointly with the state board of education at least once each year on
13 issues of relevance to both boards. The state board for community and
14 technical colleges shall also meet jointly with the higher education
15 coordinating board at least once each year on issues of relevance to
16 both boards. The state board for community and technical colleges may
17 choose to meet jointly with the higher education coordinating board and
18 the state board of education at the same meeting.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.80.420 and 1985 c 370 s 13 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 The board shall adopt bylaws and shall meet at least four times
22 each year and at such other times as determined by the chair who shall
23 give reasonable prior notice to the members. The higher education
24 coordinating board shall meet jointly with the state board of education
25 at least once each year on issues of relevance to both boards. The
26 higher education coordinating board shall also meet jointly with the
27 state board for community and technical colleges at least once each
28 year on issues of relevance to both boards. The state board of
29 education may choose to meet jointly with the state board of education
30 and the state board for community and technical colleges at the same
31 meeting.

32 Board members are expected to consistently attend board meetings.
33 The chair of the board may ask the governor to remove any member who
34 misses more than two meetings in any calendar year without cause.

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