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Sponsor(s): Senators Carlson, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Strengthening linkages between K-12 and higher education systems.

SB 6561 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges, the higher education coordinating board, the council of presidents, the work force training and education coordinating board, public school secondary principals, public school district superintendent representatives, and the superintendent of public instruction to take actions to strengthen, expand, and create dual enrollment programs available to students on high school campuses by removing barriers that inhibit the availability of the programs and, where possible, by creating incentives to offer the courses and programs. These actions are not intended to decrease the number or types of dual enrollment programs available to students on college campuses.

Provides that, by December 15, 2004, the organizations identified in this act shall report to the higher education and education committees of the legislature on actions that were taken to reduce or eliminate barriers and what incentives were created. In addition, the report shall include actions the legislature should take to encourage the availability of dual enrollment and programs on high school campuses.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6561

March 31, 2004

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 6561 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to strengthening linkage between K-12 and higher education systems;"

This bill would have directed the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Council of Presidents, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, public school secondary principals, and public school district superintendents to strengthen and expand dual enrollment programs on high school campuses.

I strongly agree with the intent of this bill. However, Substitute House Bill No. 3103 provides ample direction to the appropriate state boards and agencies with regard to expanding dual enrollment options for students.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board are responsible for implementing dual enrollment programs on high school campuses. I intend to work with these agencies to create incentives to offer these programs and remove barriers that inhibit their availability. A report on the results of these efforts will be submitted to the Legislature by December 15, 2004.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 6561 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor