
SENATE BILL 6711

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By Senators Eide, Brown, Fairley and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide online business
2 training and entrepreneurial curriculum; and amending RCW 28B.30.530.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.30.530 and 1984 c 77 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The board of regents of Washington State University shall
7 establish the Washington State University small business development
8 center.

9 (2) The center shall provide management and technical assistance
10 including but not limited to training, counseling, and research
11 services to small businesses throughout the state. The center shall
12 work with public and private community development and economic
13 assistance agencies and shall work towards the goal of coordinating
14 activities with such agencies to avoid duplication of services.

15 (3) The administrator of the center may contract with other public
16 or private entities for the provision of specialized services.

17 (4) The small business and development center may accept and
18 disburse federal grants or federal matching funds or other funds or

1 donations from any source when made, granted, or donated to carry out
2 the center's purposes.

3 (5) The small business development center shall:

4 (a) Establish an entrepreneurial and small business development
5 online curriculum;

6 (b) Develop the curriculum course content in coordination with:
7 The department of community, trade, and economic development;
8 universities and community and technical colleges with small business
9 assistance programs; the work force training and education coordinating
10 board; and other public and private entrepreneurial and small business
11 assistance centers in the state;

12 (c) Complete the curriculum as soon as possible, but no later than
13 June 30, 2007;

14 (d) Make the curriculum free of charge and available for use by
15 individuals and all public and private entrepreneurial development and
16 small business assistance centers throughout the state;

17 (e) Promote curriculum use by providing electronic and printed
18 informational materials on the curriculum to public and private
19 entrepreneurial development and small business assistance centers
20 throughout the state;

21 (f) Ensure curriculum accessibility by promoting the use of web
22 links to the curriculum on state public and private web sites that
23 small business owners and entrepreneurs use in establishing and
24 incorporating their businesses; and

25 (g) Work to complete online links to the curriculum on state public
26 and private web sites by December 31, 2007.

27 (6) The entrepreneurial and small business development curriculum
28 courses shall contain written assignments and progress standards that
29 allow participants to submit their work product and prove curriculum
30 completion to state agencies or private organizations for credit.

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