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1 AN ACT Relating to the acquisition and dissemination of data
2 regarding institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.76.290 and
3 28B.76.020; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.290 and 1993 c 77 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The board shall coordinate educational activities among all
8 segments of higher education taking into account the educational
9 programs, facilities, and other resources of both public and
10 independent two and four-year colleges and universities. The four-year
11 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges
12 shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board
13 shall have the following additional responsibilities:

14 (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;

15 (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year
16 institutions, including a requirement that coursework in American sign
17 language or an American Indian language shall satisfy any requirement
18 for instruction in a language other than English that the board or the

1 institutions may establish as a general undergraduate admissions
2 requirement;

3 (3) Establish transfer policies;

4 (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;

5 (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering
6 states and the province of British Columbia;

7 (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for
8 administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty
9 using comparative data from peer institutions;

10 (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all
11 relevant state policies for higher education;

12 (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or
13 between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the
14 request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request
15 of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The
16 decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the
17 dispute;

18 (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting,
19 analyzing, and distributing information;

20 (10) In consultation with the institutions of higher education as
21 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and the state board for community and
22 technical colleges, develop a uniform home page link and a uniform
23 dashboard template, to be completed and displayed by each institution,
24 that organizes and presents the following information so that it is
25 easily accessible to the public:

26 (a) Student enrollment:

27 (i) Projected total;

28 (ii) Actual total;

29 (iii) Income level;

30 (iv) Race and ethnicity;

31 (v) Gender;

32 (vi) Age group;

33 (vii) State and county of residence;

34 (viii) Student level;

35 (ix) Full or part-time; and

36 (x) Academic degree, workforce degree, graduate degree, or
37 undeclared;

38 (b) Degrees awarded:

1 (i) Total;
2 (ii) By income;
3 (iii) By race and ethnicity;
4 (iv) By gender;
5 (v) By age group;
6 (vi) By state and county of residence; and
7 (vii) By type and level of degree;
8 (c) Student to faculty ratio:
9 (i) Overall; and
10 (ii) By course level;
11 (d) Financial aid recipients:
12 (i) By source;
13 (ii) By income;
14 (iii) By race and ethnicity;
15 (iv) By gender;
16 (v) By age group;
17 (vi) By state and county of residence; and
18 (vii) By student level;
19 (e) Transfer rate:
20 (i) To or from Washington public community and technical colleges;
21 (ii) To or from four-year institutions; and
22 (iii) To or from private and out-of-state institutions of higher
23 education;
24 (f) Admission rate:
25 (i) Freshmen;
26 (ii) Students with transfer associate degrees;
27 (iii) Running start students;
28 (iv) International students; and
29 (v) Students in graduate programs;
30 (g) Retention rate:
31 (i) By income;
32 (ii) By race and ethnicity;
33 (iii) By gender;
34 (iv) By age group;
35 (v) By state and county of residence; and
36 (vi) By grade level;
37 (h) Faculty:
38 (i) Percentage holding highest degree in field;

1 (ii) Average salary by department; and
2 (iii) Average salary by rank;
3 (i) Funding for research:
4 (i) By source; and
5 (ii) By amount;
6 (j) Student survey:
7 (i) Number of responses; and
8 (ii) Percentage rate of responses;
9 (k) Remedial education courses:
10 (i) Number enrolled by course; and
11 (ii) Number completing by course;
12 (l) English as a second language (ESL) courses:
13 (i) Number enrolled; and
14 (ii) Number completing;
15 (m) High school dual credit programs:
16 (i) Number enrolled; and
17 (ii) Number completing;
18 (n) Workforce measures to be determined on or before July 1, 2008,
19 by the board in consultation with the workforce training and education
20 coordinating board; and
21 (o) Financial cost measures to be determined on or before July 1,
22 2008, by the board;
23 (11) Annually report total enrollment numbers for all postsecondary
24 institutions, to the extent that the numbers are reported to the board
25 by the institutions;
26 (12) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove
27 any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus
28 activities; and
29 ~~((11))~~ (13) Make recommendations to increase minority
30 participation, and monitor and report on the progress of minority
31 participation in higher education.

32 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.76 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) Annually, on a schedule to be determined by the board, each
35 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 shall
36 complete and update the data displayed on the dashboard template
37 developed under RCW 28B.76.290.

1 (2) Each institution of higher education as defined in RCW
2 28B.10.016 shall prominently post on its home page: (a) A uniform,
3 visible link to its own dashboard; and (b) a uniform, visible link to
4 the board's home page in order to facilitate access to the dashboards
5 of the other institutions of higher education.

6 (3) The board shall prominently post on its home page a uniform,
7 visible link to the dashboards of all institutions of higher education
8 as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.76.020 and 1985 c 370 s 2 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 ~~((For the purposes of))~~ The definitions in this section apply
12 throughout this chapter~~((+))~~ unless the context clearly requires
13 otherwise.

14 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board~~((+and))~~.

15 (2) "Dashboard" means a visual display of information consolidated
16 and arranged on a computer screen in an easy to read fashion so that
17 the information can be seen at a glance.

18 (3) "Four-year institutions" means the University of Washington,
19 Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern
20 Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen
21 State College.

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