
HOUSE BILL 2596

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1 AN ACT Relating to a five-year state comprehensive plan for
2 workforce training and education; and amending RCW 28C.18.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28C.18.080 and 1997 c 369 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) (~~The state comprehensive plan for workforce training and~~
7 ~~education shall be updated every two years and presented to the~~
8 ~~governor and the appropriate legislative policy committees.)) The board
9 shall develop a state comprehensive plan for workforce training and
10 education for a five-year time period. The board shall submit the
11 initial five-year state comprehensive plan to the governor and the
12 appropriate legislative policy committees by December 1, 2008. Every
13 two years by December 1, beginning December 1, 2010, the board shall
14 submit an update of the five-year state comprehensive plan for
15 workforce training and education to the governor and the appropriate
16 legislative policy committees. Following public hearings, the
17 legislature shall, by concurrent resolution, approve or recommend
18 changes to the initial plan and the updates. The plan shall then~~

1 become the state's workforce training policy unless legislation is
2 enacted to alter the policies set forth in the plan.

3 (2) The comprehensive plan shall include workforce training role
4 and mission statements for the workforce development programs of
5 operating agencies represented on the board and sufficient specificity
6 regarding expected actions by the operating agencies to allow them to
7 carry out actions consistent with the comprehensive plan.

8 (3) Operating agencies represented on the board shall have
9 operating plans for their workforce development efforts that are
10 consistent with the comprehensive plan and that provide detail on
11 implementation steps they will take to carry out their responsibilities
12 under the plan. Each operating agency represented on the board shall
13 provide an annual progress report to the board.

14 (4) The comprehensive plan shall include recommendations to the
15 legislature and the governor on the modification, consolidation,
16 initiation, or elimination of workforce training and education programs
17 in the state.

18 (5) The comprehensive plan shall address how the state's workforce
19 development system will meet the needs of employers hiring for
20 industrial projects of statewide significance.

21 (6) The board shall report to the appropriate legislative policy
22 committees by December 1 of each year on its progress in implementing
23 the comprehensive plan and on the progress of the operating agencies in
24 meeting their obligations under the plan.

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