
SENATE BILL 6730

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1 AN ACT Relating to child care at institutions of higher education;
2 amending RCW 28B.135.010 and 28B.135.030; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.135 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 improve access to higher education for all residents and ensure that
7 students have the necessary resources and support services to attain
8 their educational goals while keeping families strong. For many
9 students, the lack of affordable, accessible, quality child care on or
10 in close proximity to colleges and universities is a barrier to
11 completion of their higher education goals. Further, it is the intent
12 of the legislature to adopt policies that leverage existing resources
13 and maximize educational outcomes by supporting affordable, accessible,
14 and quality child care programs.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.135.010 and 1999 c 375 s 1 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Two Washington accounts for student child care in higher education
18 are established. The higher education coordinating board and the state

1 board for community and technical colleges shall administer the
2 programs(~~(. Through these programs the boards may award on a~~
3 ~~competitive basis))~~ and shall award child care grants to state
4 institutions of higher education to encourage programs to address the
5 need for high quality, accessible, and affordable child care for
6 students at higher education institutions. The university or college
7 administration and student government association, or its equivalent,
8 of each institution receiving the award shall contribute financial
9 support in an amount equal to or greater than the child care grant
10 received by the institution. Student government associations may
11 solicit funds from private organizations, such as university or college
12 foundations, as part of their financial support for child care.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.135.030 and 2005 c 490 s 8 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The higher education coordinating board shall administer the
16 program for four-year institutions of higher education(~~(. The state~~
17 ~~board for community and technical colleges shall administer the program~~
18 ~~for community and technical colleges. The higher education~~
19 ~~coordinating board and the state board for community and technical~~
20 ~~colleges))~~ and shall have the following powers and duties in
21 administering (~~each))~~ the program:

22 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

23 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the
24 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committees (~~shall~~
25 ~~include but not be limited to individuals from the Washington~~
26 ~~association for the education of young children and the child care~~
27 ~~resource and referral network))~~ may receive input from parents,
28 educators, and other experts in the field of early childhood education
29 for this purpose;

30 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting
31 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.
32 (~~During the 1999-2001 biennium))~~ The guidelines shall be consistent
33 with the following desired outcomes of increasing access to quality
34 child care for students, (~~addressing the demand for infant and toddler~~
35 ~~care,))~~ providing affordable child care alternatives(~~(, creating more~~
36 ~~cooperative preschool programs, creating models that can be replicated~~
37 ~~at other institutions))~~ for students, and creating a partnership

1 between university or college administrations, university, or college
2 foundations, and student government associations, or ~~((its))~~ their
3 equivalents ~~((and increasing efficiency and innovation at campus child~~
4 ~~care centers))~~;

5 (4) To ~~((establish guidelines for an allocation system based on~~
6 ~~factors that include but are not limited to:))~~ proportionally
7 distribute the amount of money available in the trust fund~~((+~~
8 ~~characteristics of the institutions including the size of the faculty~~
9 ~~and student body; and the number of child care grants received))~~ based
10 on the financial support for child care received by the student
11 government associations or their equivalents;

12 (5) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the
13 institutions of higher education about the program; ~~((and))~~

14 (6) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,
15 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants;

16 (7) To complete and submit a report on child care at the four-year
17 institutions of higher education to the appropriate committees of the
18 legislature by December 1, 2008. The report shall include but not be
19 limited to information on the need for high quality, affordable, and
20 accessible child care for students; the extent to which child care is
21 a barrier to student access and completion of students' education; an
22 inventory of existing child care centers and services provided; and the
23 amount contributed by each university or college administration and
24 student government association for the purposes of child care; and

25 (8) To report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
26 December 15, 2009, and every two years thereafter, on the status of
27 program design and implementation. The report shall include but not be
28 limited to summary information on the institutions receiving child
29 grant allocations, including expenditures and reports for the previous
30 biennium, services provided by each institutional child care center,
31 and the number of students using such services.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 28B.135
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 The state board for community and technical colleges shall
35 administer the program for community and technical colleges and shall
36 have the following powers and duties in administering the program
37 established in RCW 28B.135.010:

- 1 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;
- 2 (2) To establish, if deemed necessary, one or more review
3 committees to assist in the evaluation of proposals for funding. The
4 review committees may receive input from parents, educators, and other
5 experts in the field of early childhood education for this purpose;
- 6 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting
7 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program. The
8 guidelines shall be consistent with the following desired outcomes of
9 increasing access to quality child care for students, providing
10 affordable child care alternatives for students, creating more
11 cooperative preschool programs or other alternative parent education
12 models, creating models that can be replicated at other institutions,
13 creating a partnership between college administrations, college
14 foundations, and student government associations, or their equivalents,
15 and increasing innovation at campus child care centers;
- 16 (4) To establish guidelines for an allocation system based on
17 factors that include but are not limited to: The amount of money
18 available in the trust fund and the financial support for child care
19 received by the student government associations or their equivalent;
- 20 (5) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the
21 institutions of higher education about the program;
- 22 (6) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,
23 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants;
- 24 (7) To complete and submit a report on child care at the public
25 two-year institutions of higher education to the appropriate committees
26 of the legislature by December 1, 2008. The report shall include but
27 not be limited to information on the need for high quality, affordable,
28 and accessible child care for students; the extent to which child care
29 is a barrier to student access and completion of their education,
30 including workforce training programs at community and technical
31 colleges; an inventory of existing child care centers and services
32 provided; and the amount contributed by each college administration and
33 student government association for the purposes of child care; and
- 34 (8) To report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
35 December 15, 2009, and every two years thereafter, on the status of
36 program design and implementation within the community and technical
37 college system. The report shall include but not be limited to summary
38 information on the institutions receiving child grant allocations,

1 including expenditures and reports for the previous biennium, services
2 provided by each institutional child care center, and the number of
3 students using such services.

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