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By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that peer mentoring
4 provides tangible and long-lasting opportunities for all students,
5 especially for low-income students, students of color, and first
6 generation students. These benefits include improved student
7 achievement and planning for success in postsecondary education. The
8 legislature further finds that mentoring increases the self-worth of
9 both mentees and mentors, while cultivating opportunities to improve
10 communication skills and develop and enhance leadership and other
11 critical transferable skills. Furthermore, the legislature finds that
12 mentorship provides a valuable opportunity to increase student interest
13 in career opportunities in the counseling and teaching professions, and
14 thus intends to support those efforts to the maximum extent possible.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.12 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) Western Washington University shall create and implement a
18 pilot mentoring program to inspire academic success and introduce
19 elementary students to educational opportunities. In addition to
20 establishing a pilot project on its own campus, the university, in
21 close collaboration with the state board for community and technical
22 colleges, shall jointly identify a community or technical college to
23 participate in the pilot program. The community or technical college
24 selected shall demonstrate active partnerships with interested common
25 schools, local businesses, and community organizations. Western
26 Washington University and the state board for community and technical
27 colleges shall identify the community or technical college by August 1,
28 2009.

1 (2) The state board for community and technical colleges shall work
2 in close collaboration with Western Washington University to identify
3 a community or technical college to participate in the pilot mentoring
4 program.

5 (3) The goals of the pilot project are to:

6 (a) Encourage at-risk elementary school students to complete high
7 school and attend college, boosting the percentage of Washington
8 students who continue onto college;

9 (b) Provide positive role models for at-risk students and allow
10 college students the opportunity to perform community service;

11 (c) Strengthen relationships between the community, the university,
12 and area youth;

13 (d) Introduce at-risk students to college and provide them an
14 opportunity to experience their public colleges and universities;

15 (e) Increase the number of youth who view going to college as both
16 necessary and achievable; and

17 (f) Develop a model that is scalable statewide.

18 (4) Within existing resources, the pilot institutions shall:

19 (a) Recruit college students interested in serving as mentors to
20 elementary school students;

21 (b) Identify local elementary schools with demonstrated need for a
22 mentoring program;

23 (c) Develop a curriculum used for training college mentors. The
24 college may grant college-level credit to students who complete the
25 course;

26 (d) Develop any necessary contracts or interagency agreements to
27 facilitate program implementation;

28 (e) Provide ongoing support and oversight of the program;

29 (f) Solicit grants, awards, and gifts from individuals, businesses,
30 agencies, and foundations;

31 (g) Provide community outreach and publicity for the program;

32 (h) Develop appropriate outcome measures and evaluate the program
33 at regular intervals;

34 (i) Together with the state board for community and technical
35 colleges and in close collaboration with other community and
36 institutional partners, submit to the legislature:

37 (i) A preliminary progress report by December 1, 2010, that

1 includes a review of preliminary findings from the pilot project,
2 recommendations regarding the resources necessary to expand the model
3 statewide, and a process and timeline for statewide implementation; and
4 (ii) A final report, updating the findings from the preliminary
5 report, by December 1, 2011."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "mentoring;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
8 28B.12 RCW; and creating a new section."

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