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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of
the Senate of the State of
Washington, do hereby certify that
the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE
BILL 5043** as passed by the Senate
and the House of Representatives
on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington

Washington, and the workforce board. The work group shall consult with and seek the participation of the K-12 education sector, including the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in the development of the plan, and of any other entities the work group determines would be helpful.

(3) In developing the plan, the work group shall review existing resources and, to the extent possible, incorporate or build upon those resources in the development of a single, coordinated web-based portal. The work group shall also consider the portals and systems developed by other states and, to the extent possible, incorporate best practices, proven design, and cost-effective structures.

(4) The plan shall include the following elements:

(a) The elements of an ideal single, coordinated, collaborative, one-stop web-based portal. In developing these elements, the work group shall consider:

(i) Information and services that would encourage and assist students in planning, preparing, and paying for postsecondary education;

(ii) Information that would be useful to provide, including information on the different education and career options, including professional and technical education and apprenticeships, and the admissions, costs, and financial aid information related to those options;

(iii) Services that would be useful to provide, including the ability to fill out a common application for admissions to public postsecondary institutions; the ability to apply for financial aid, to the extent possible; and the ability to prepare to take, or to register for, required admissions tests;

(iv) The ability of students, their families, and educators to interact and communicate with the portal managers and staff; and

(v) Any other elements the work group determines would

1 Washington, the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
2 representatives of the public, private, and private vocational colleges
3 in Washington, and others as may be needed.
4   (3) The work group shall:
5   (a) Investigate similar ongoing efforts in other states including
6 what information and services are typically offered, what agency takes
7 the lead in creating and maintaining the portal, what planning stages
8 and budgets are associated with portals, how portals are marketed to
9 maximize usefulness, and whether the states' efforts are increasing
10 postsecondary participation;
11   (b) Focus on a portal that is student-centered and does not
12 presuppose a sophisticated understanding of postsecondary education;
13   (c) Identify the resources necessary to build and maintain the
14 portal;
15   (d) Develop a plan that builds upon existing infrastructure
16 whenever possible; and
17   (e) Identify the metrics that can be used to gauge success.
18   (4) The final report of the work group shall:
19   (a) Recommend a process and timeline for the creation of the
20 portal;
21   (b) Identify costs and savings to students, families, and the
22 state;
23   (c) Identify potential issues and roadblocks anticipated in the
24 creation and maintenance of the portal; and
25   (d) Propose enabling legislative and administrative solutions.
26   (5) The board shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2009.
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