(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the four-year institutions of higher education to report to the appropriate legislative committees on whether students who are receiving need-based federal or state grant aid are provided with a student success program.

Requires the community and technical colleges to implement the following for students receiving need-based federal or state grant aid: A student success program and an evidence-based remedial program.

Requires the guided pathways program to be implemented at every community and technical college in the state.

Requires the student achievement council to: (1) Administer a competitive grant program to provide precollege or ongoing peer mentoring; and

(2) Contract with the western interstate commission for higher education to conduct an evaluation on mental health counseling and services provided for students at the community and technical colleges.

Creates the public service graduate degree conditional grant program at the University of Washington which must be funded exclusively with private funding to provide conditional grants.

Creates the public service graduate degree conditional grant account.