

SB 6486-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/18)

Requires the regulatory apprenticeship council and the workforce training and education coordinating board to: (1) Develop a strategic plan focused on apprenticeship; and

(2) In consultation with the governor's office, the department of labor and industries, the apprenticeship council, and the workforce training and education coordinating board, collaborate with the state board for community and technical colleges, the employment security department, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (a) Review existing registered apprenticeship programs; (b) analyze opportunities to statewide expansion of registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; and (c) recommend policies to implement strategies that increase registered youth and adult apprenticeships.

Creates the apprenticeship work group to review the work, mentioned above, being done.

Requires the department of labor and industries, through the supervisor of apprenticeship, to employ a coordinator to do outreach to the private sector and assist industries in establishing registered apprenticeship and training programs where they do not exist.

Creates the complete Washington program to: (1) Connect prior learning, including registered apprenticeships and other skills-based work experience, with postsecondary degree completion; and

(2) Expand postsecondary degree pathways that recognize prior learning in the form of registered apprenticeship programs.

Provides a December 31, 2018, expiration date for the apprenticeship work group.