
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5931

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick and Nobles; by request of Student Achievement Council)

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1 AN ACT Relating to workforce education investment accountability
2 and oversight board administrative changes; and amending RCW
3 28B.77.310.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.77.310 and 2023 c 282 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The workforce education investment accountability and
8 oversight board is established. The board consists of 18 members, as
9 provided in this subsection:

10 (a) Four members of the legislature consisting of the chairs and
11 ranking minority members of the respective higher education and
12 workforce development committees of the senate and house of
13 representatives, ex officio; and

14 (b) The following members appointed by the governor with the
15 consent of the senate:

16 (i) Five members representing the businesses described in RCW
17 82.04.299 or subject to the tax rate under RCW 82.04.290(2)(a)(i);

18 (ii) Two members representing labor organizations, one of which
19 must have expertise in registered apprenticeships and training a
20 high-demand workforce and one of which must represent faculty at the
21 four-year institutions of higher education;

1 (iii) Two members representing the institutions of higher
2 education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, one of which must be from
3 the four-year sector and one of which must be from the community and
4 technical college sector;

5 (iv) Two members representing students, one of which must be a
6 community and technical college student;

7 (v) One member representing the independent, not-for-profit
8 higher education institutions;

9 (vi) One member representing the workforce training and education
10 coordinating board created under RCW 28C.18.020; and

11 (vii) One member representing the student achievement council,
12 established under this chapter.

13 (2) Except for ex officio and student members, board members
14 shall hold their offices for a term of three years until their
15 successors are appointed. Student board members shall hold one-year
16 terms.

17 (3) The board shall have two cochair. One cochair shall be one
18 of the chairs of the respective higher education and workforce
19 development committees of the legislature and the other cochair shall
20 be one of the board members representing the businesses described in
21 RCW 82.04.299 or subject to the tax rate under RCW
22 82.04.290(2)(a)(i). The cochair shall hold the position for a (~~one-~~
23 ~~year~~) two-year term. The board members shall elect the cochair
24 (~~annually~~) biennially.

25 (4) Nine voting members of the board constitute a quorum for the
26 transaction of business. The board shall meet at least four times a
27 year.

28 (5) Staff support for the board shall be provided by the student
29 achievement council established in this chapter.

30 (6) The purposes of the board are to:

31 (a) Provide guidance and recommendations to the legislature on
32 what workforce education priorities should be funded with the
33 workforce education investment account; and

34 (b) Ensure accountability that the workforce education
35 investments funded with the workforce education investment account
36 are producing the intended results and are effectively increasing
37 student success and career readiness, such as by increasing
38 retention, completion, and job placement rates.

39 (7) The board shall consult data from the education data center
40 established under RCW 43.41.400 (~~and~~), the workforce training and

1 education coordinating board created under RCW 28C.18.020, and the
2 student achievement council established under this chapter when
3 reviewing and determining whether workforce education investments
4 funded from the workforce education investment account are
5 effectively increasing student success and career readiness. ((The
6 workforce training and education coordinating board shall maintain
7 the workforce education investment accountability and oversight board
8 data dashboard on a public-facing portal and work with the board to
9 update and modify the data dashboard as new performance metrics are
10 identified.))

11 (8) The board shall report its recommendations to the appropriate
12 committees of the legislature by ((August 1st)) December 31st of each
13 year.

14 (9) For the purposes of this section, "board" means the workforce
15 education investment accountability and oversight board established
16 in this section.

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