
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6089

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Slatter, Wellman, Nobles, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing coordination and alignment
2 throughout the P20W system including early learning, K-12 education,
3 postsecondary education and career pathways, and workforce;
4 reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040 and 43.79A.040; adding new
5 sections to chapter 43.41 RCW; creating a new section; providing an
6 effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that
9 equitable and accessible pathways across Washington's P20W system
10 require greater alignment and coordination among state agencies,
11 educational institutions, and workforce partners. The legislature
12 further acknowledges the significant role that the philanthropic
13 community can play in advancing efforts from early learning through
14 K-12 education, postsecondary education, and into the workforce. At
15 each transition point in the continuum, opportunities exist to
16 strengthen internal coordination and build upon ongoing initiatives
17 across the sectors. The legislature also recognizes that the absence
18 of shared metrics to assess statewide progress and accountability
19 toward common goals limits the P20W system's ability to achieve
20 equitable outcomes for all Washingtonians and may make it difficult

1 for the philanthropic community to understand where their efforts
2 could make the most impact within the entirety of the system.

3 (2) The legislature therefore intends to enhance Washington's
4 education and workforce landscape by establishing a structured
5 partnership between the state and the philanthropic community. This
6 partnership is intended to identify, elevate, and support the work
7 and visions already being pursued across the P20W continuum, and to
8 create an official venue for aligning funding priorities,
9 coordinating efforts, and fostering collaboration. Through this
10 partnership, the state and the philanthropic community will work
11 together with relevant stakeholders from the early learning, K-12
12 education, postsecondary education, and workforce communities,
13 including labor, business, and community-based organizations, to
14 strengthen existing initiatives and communicate shared priorities in
15 a clear and coordinated manner to the broader public.

16 (3) The legislature further intends to review and compile the
17 ongoing and historical work of state agencies, councils, and advisory
18 boards to identify current goals, strategies, and plans. Building
19 upon this foundation, the state, in collaboration with the
20 philanthropic community, will determine where targeted partnerships
21 can advance, expand, or better support policies and programs that
22 align with shared commitments of equity and student success. The
23 legislature intends that this process will strengthen and update
24 Washington's P20W system to address the state's evolving needs,
25 support long-term implementation of these shared priorities, and
26 increase transparency and public understanding of the system's
27 direction.

28 (4) The legislature finds that improved alignment, coordination,
29 and transparent communication, supported through strong state-
30 philanthropic partnerships, will enhance student preparation for an
31 increasingly global economy and ensure Washington continues to lead
32 in providing a robust, inclusive P20W system from early learning
33 through K-12 education, postsecondary pathways, and the workforce.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 (1) For the purposes of this section and section 3 of this act,
37 "P20W" means prekindergarten to grade 20 to workforce and encompasses
38 the transitions from early learning to K-12 education to
39 postsecondary education and career pathways to workforce. Career

1 pathways include, but are not limited to, apprenticeships,
2 certification, and licensure programs.

3 (2) (a) The P20W public-private partnership account is created in
4 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from gifts, grants,
5 or endowments from public or private sources, federal funds, any
6 appropriations made by the legislature, or other sources for the
7 purposes specified in subsection (3) of this section and section 3 of
8 this act must be deposited in the account.

9 (b) Nothing in this section requires state funding be provided to
10 the account created in this subsection.

11 (3) Expenditures from the account may be used only for:

12 (a) (i) The office of financial management to contract with a
13 nonprofit organization with expertise in national and Washington
14 state comparative education policy development to identify ongoing
15 and historical work undertaken by state agencies, councils, advisory
16 boards, and the philanthropic community related to the P20W system.
17 The contracted nonprofit organization must facilitate increased
18 coordination and alignment between the state and the philanthropic
19 community in support of implementing the state's P20W vision.

20 (ii) The contracted nonprofit organization may not have any rule-
21 making or policy-making authority. All recommendations of the
22 nonprofit organization must be submitted to the legislature according
23 to the provisions in section 3 of this act and are subject to
24 legislative action for implementation; and

25 (b) The office of financial management, through the education
26 data center established under RCW 43.41.400, to contract with a
27 nonprofit organization with relevant expertise related to Washington
28 data systems to provide assistance with creating a public-facing P20W
29 formative performance and outcomes data dashboard.

30 (4) (a) The activities described in this section must be conducted
31 under a contract that is in accordance with section 3 of this act,
32 and the office of financial management and any selected nonprofit
33 organization must negotiate specific performance expectations.

34 (b) The office of financial management may contract with the same
35 nonprofit organization for both purposes described in subsection (3)
36 of this section but is not required to do so.

37 (5) Only the director of the office of financial management or
38 the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
39 The account is subject to the allotment procedures under chapter
40 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1)(a) A nonprofit organization receiving funding from the P20W
4 public-private partnership account under section 2(3)(a) of this act
5 must convene an advisory committee with stakeholders representing the
6 P20W system. In developing its recommendations required in (b) of
7 this subsection, the advisory committee must engage with
8 representatives of tribes and subgroups representing the regional,
9 racial, and cultural diversity of all children and families in
10 Washington state, including those with specialized needs.

11 (b) The advisory committee must develop recommendations related
12 to the state's P20W education vision, including:

13 (i) Developing a plan for coordinating and aligning new
14 philanthropic contributions in a manner that best complements the
15 state's ongoing investments across the P20W system, ensuring that
16 such resources are used effectively to advance shared statewide
17 goals;

18 (ii) Aligning systems and existing efforts within each sector of
19 the P20W system to improve academic achievement;

20 (iii) Increasing postsecondary access and economic mobility
21 opportunities;

22 (iv) Improving the use of existing data and measurements,
23 including reviewing the statewide indicators of educational system
24 health established under RCW 28A.150.550 and other relevant
25 performance indicators within each sector of the P20W system, and
26 determining if these indicators could be updated and more connected
27 with the P20W system;

28 (v) Increasing public transparency and identifying ways to better
29 communicate the state's P20W education vision to students, families,
30 and the broader community;

31 (vi) Fostering innovative approaches to education; and

32 (vii) Easing the transition from early learning to K-12 education
33 to postsecondary education and career pathways to workforce.

34 (c) By July 1, 2027, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
35 contracted nonprofit organization under section 2(3)(a) of this act
36 must submit a report to the relevant committees of the legislature
37 and the philanthropic community with the advisory committee's
38 recommendations under (b) of this subsection. The advisory committee,
39 with support from the contracted nonprofit organization, must develop
40 and approve the recommendations in the final report.

1 (2) (a) By November 1, 2028, the education data center established
2 under RCW 43.41.400, with the support of the contracted nonprofit
3 organization under section 2(3)(b) of this act, must create a public-
4 facing P20W formative performance and outcomes data dashboard that
5 connects existing data systems and makes this data more accessible
6 for the public to see how the state is making progress on its P20W
7 education vision.

8 (b) The data dashboard must, to the extent possible, incorporate
9 or reference the relevant work already under way at state agencies
10 and any existing state data or data dashboards available.

11 (c) The data dashboard must include reporting on students'
12 educational outcomes for diverse student populations, including
13 students with disabilities, English learners, students of color, and
14 students from low-income families. The data dashboard must include
15 multiple measures of system inputs, milestones, student well-being,
16 early learning, and student progress toward career and college
17 readiness, to the extent data is available. The information provided
18 in the data dashboard must be disaggregated as provided under RCW
19 28A.300.042(1), to the extent data is available.

20 (d) The data dashboard must incorporate safeguards to protect
21 confidential student information consistent with the requirements of
22 the federal family educational rights and privacy act of 1974, 20
23 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g, as in effect on January 1, 2025, and applicable
24 state laws.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2025 c 399 s 13 and 2025 c 190 s 3
26 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,
28 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with
29 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
30 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys
31 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

32 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
33 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
34 known as the investment income account.

35 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
36 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
37 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
38 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
39 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to

1 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
2 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of
3 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

4 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings
5 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
6 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

7 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
8 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
9 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the
10 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial
11 legislative page scholarship account, the Rosa Franklin legislative
12 internship program scholarship account, P20W public-private
13 partnership account, the Washington advanced college tuition payment
14 program account, the Washington college savings program account, the
15 accessible communities account, the Washington achieving a better
16 life experience program account, the Washington career and college
17 pathways innovation challenge program account, the community and
18 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,
19 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the behavioral health
20 loan repayment and scholarship program account, the Billy Frank Jr.
21 national statuary hall collection fund, the foster care scholarship
22 endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the
23 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
24 fund drive account, the county 911 excise tax account, the county
25 road administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection
26 account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the
27 energy account, the energy facility site evaluation council account,
28 the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance account, the
29 Fern Lodge maintenance account, the fish and wildlife federal lands
30 revolving account, the natural resources federal lands revolving
31 account, the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship
32 account, the forest health revolving account, the fruit and vegetable
33 inspection account, the educator conditional scholarship account, the
34 game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science
35 scholarship account, the Washington global health technologies and
36 product development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
37 Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day
38 fund, the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense
39 fund, the local tourism promotion account, the low-income home
40 rehabilitation account, the medication for people living with HIV

1 rebate revenue account, the homeowner recovery account, the
2 multiagency permitting team account, the northeast Washington wolf-
3 livestock management account, the pollution liability insurance
4 program trust account, the public use general aviation airport loan
5 revolving account, the regional transportation investment district
6 account, the rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual
7 assault kit account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the
8 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund,
9 the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission
10 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the
11 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the
12 individual development account program account, the Washington horse
13 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery
14 fund, the Washington state library-archives building account, the
15 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for deaf
16 and hard of hearing youth account, the school for the blind account,
17 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the
18 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, the public
19 employees' and retirees' insurance account, the school employees'
20 insurance account, the long-term services and supports trust account,
21 the radiation perpetual maintenance fund, the Indian health
22 improvement reinvestment account, the department of licensing tuition
23 recovery trust fund, the student achievement council tuition recovery
24 trust fund, the tuition recovery trust fund, the industrial insurance
25 premium refund account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the
26 natural resources deposit fund, the Washington state health insurance
27 pool account, the federal forest revolving account, the Washington
28 saves administrative trust account, and the library operations
29 account.

30 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive 80 percent of
31 their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
32 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advance right-of-way
33 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
34 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
35 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
36 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

37 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
38 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the
39 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
40 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the

1 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
2 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
3 for the period.

4 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
5 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
6 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2025 c 399 s 14 and 2025 c 190 s 4
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26 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
27 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act expires July 1,
29 2030.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this act takes effect July 1,
31 2030.

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