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**SENATE BILL 6089**

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**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 to strengthen existing initiatives and communicate shared  
12 priorities in a clear and coordinated manner to the broader public.

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

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

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

33 (1) For the purposes of this section and section 3 of this act,  
34 "P20W" means prekindergarten to grade 20 to workforce and encompasses  
35 the transitions from early learning to K-12 education to  
36 postsecondary education and career pathways to workforce. Career  
37 pathways include, but are not limited to, apprenticeships,  
38 certification, and licensure programs.

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

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

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

16 (b) The office of financial management to contract with a  
17 nonprofit organization with relevant expertise related to Washington  
18 data systems to create a public-facing P20W data dashboard.

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

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

26 (5) Only the director of the office of financial management or  
27 the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.  
28 The account is subject to the allotment procedures under chapter  
29 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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

32 (1) (a) A nonprofit organization receiving funding from the P20W  
33 public-private partnership account under section 2(3)(a) of this act  
34 must convene an advisory group with stakeholders representing the  
35 P20W system. In developing its recommendations required in (b) of  
36 this subsection, the advisory committee must engage with  
37 representatives of tribes and subgroups representing the regional,  
38 racial, and cultural diversity of all children and families in  
39 Washington state, including those with specialized needs.

1 (b) The advisory group must develop recommendations related to  
2 the state's P20W education vision, including:

3 (i) A plan for coordinating and aligning new philanthropic  
4 contributions in a manner that best complements the state's ongoing  
5 investments across the P20W system, ensuring that such resources are  
6 used effectively to advance shared statewide goals;

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

9 (iii) Increasing postsecondary access and economic mobility  
10 opportunities;

11 (iv) Improving the use of existing data and measurements,  
12 including reviewing the statewide indicators of educational system  
13 health established under RCW 28A.150.550 and other relevant  
14 performance indicators within each sector of the P20W system, and  
15 determining if these indicators could be updated and more connected  
16 with the P20W system;

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

20 (vi) Fostering innovative approaches to education; and

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

23 (c) By July 1, 2027, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the  
24 nonprofit organization must submit a report to the relevant  
25 committees of the legislature and the philanthropic community with  
26 the advisory group's recommendations under (b) of this subsection.

27 (2)(a) By November 1, 2027, a nonprofit organization receiving  
28 funding from the P20W public-private partnership account under  
29 section 2(3)(b) of this act must create a public-facing P20W data  
30 dashboard for the public that connects existing data systems and  
31 makes this data more accessible for the public to see how the state  
32 is making progress on its P20W education vision.

33 (b) The nonprofit organization must take into account the  
34 relevant work already under way at state agencies and any existing  
35 state data or data dashboards available.

36 (c) The dashboard must include reporting on students' educational  
37 outcomes for diverse student populations, including students with  
38 disabilities, English learners, students of color, and students from  
39 low-income families. The dashboard must include multiple measures of  
40 system inputs, milestones, student well-being, early learning, and

1 student progress toward career and college readiness, to the extent  
2 data is available. The data provided in the dashboard must be  
3 disaggregated as provided under RCW 28A.300.042(1), to the extent  
4 data is available.

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

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

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

15 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment  
16 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds  
17 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and  
18 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state  
19 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to  
20 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to  
21 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of  
22 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

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

26 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their  
27 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's  
28 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the  
29 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial  
30 legislative page scholarship account, the Rosa Franklin legislative  
31 internship program scholarship account, P20W public-private  
32 partnership account, the Washington advanced college tuition payment  
33 program account, the Washington college savings program account, the  
34 accessible communities account, the Washington achieving a better  
35 life experience program account, the Washington career and college  
36 pathways innovation challenge program account, the community and  
37 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,  
38 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the behavioral health  
39 loan repayment and scholarship program account, the Billy Frank Jr.

1 national statutory hall collection fund, the foster care scholarship  
2 endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the  
3 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined  
4 fund drive account, the county 911 excise tax account, the county  
5 road administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection  
6 account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the  
7 energy account, the energy facility site evaluation council account,  
8 the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance account, the  
9 Fern Lodge maintenance account, the fish and wildlife federal lands  
10 revolving account, the natural resources federal lands revolving  
11 account, the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship  
12 account, the forest health revolving account, the fruit and vegetable  
13 inspection account, the educator conditional scholarship account, the  
14 game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science  
15 scholarship account, the Washington global health technologies and  
16 product development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the  
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18 fund, the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense  
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22 multiagency permitting team account, the northeast Washington wolf-  
23 livestock management account, the pollution liability insurance  
24 program trust account, the public use general aviation airport loan  
25 revolving account, the regional transportation investment district  
26 account, the rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual  
27 assault kit account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the  
28 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund,  
29 the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission  
30 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the  
31 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the  
32 individual development account program account, the Washington horse  
33 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery  
34 fund, the Washington state library-archives building account, the  
35 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for deaf  
36 and hard of hearing youth account, the school for the blind account,  
37 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the  
38 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, the public  
39 employees' and retirees' insurance account, the school employees'  
40 insurance account, the long-term services and supports trust account,

1 the radiation perpetual maintenance fund, the Indian health  
2 improvement reinvestment account, the department of licensing tuition  
3 recovery trust fund, the student achievement council tuition recovery  
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5 premium refund account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the  
6 natural resources deposit fund, the Washington state health insurance  
7 pool account, the federal forest revolving account, the Washington  
8 saves administrative trust account, and the library operations  
9 account.

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

17 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
18 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the  
19 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the  
20 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the  
21 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share  
22 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance  
23 for the period.

24 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
25 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings  
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8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act expires July 1,  
9 2030.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this act takes effect July 1,  
11 2030.

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