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**HOUSE BILL 1300**

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**By** Representatives Tarleton, Pollet, Bergquist, Sells, Dolan, Pellicciotti, Frame, Entenman, Stanford, Lovick, and Orwall

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the reinvesting in our colleges  
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; making an  
3 appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The purpose of this section is to provide for the allocation  
9 of state funding that the legislature deems necessary to support  
10 community and technical colleges in offering the instructional  
11 programs under this chapter.

12 (2) For the 2019-2021 biennium, allocations shall be made in  
13 addition to the maintenance level amounts determined by the  
14 legislature. For each biennium thereafter, the allocations shall be  
15 included in maintenance level funding.

16 (3) The moneys appropriated to implement this section shall be  
17 allocated to the community and technical colleges as follows:

18 (a) By September 1, 2019, the college board shall create a  
19 formula to distribute to each community and technical college moneys  
20 provided for use in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.

1 The distribution formula is for allocation purposes only; however,  
2 the provisions of subsection (4) of this section still apply.

3 (b) The use of all moneys must be consistent with the purposes  
4 identified in this section. The use of the moneys is a mandatory  
5 subject of bargaining between the college and the exclusive  
6 collective bargaining representatives in each college.

7 (4) The funding for community and technical colleges provided by  
8 this section are for the following purposes:

9 (a) To establish an office of diversity, equity, and inclusion  
10 and associated activities, or if an office is already established, to  
11 enhance the office, to improve equity and diversity. No less than two  
12 hundred thousand dollars of moneys appropriated in the 2019-2021  
13 biennium shall be used by each college for this purpose;

14 (b) To provide additional compensation for faculty and staff who  
15 work with incarcerated populations. No less than one million five  
16 hundred thousand dollars of moneys appropriated in the 2019-2021  
17 biennium shall be used for this purpose within the community and  
18 technical college system;

19 (c) To fund one hundred twenty-five additional counselor  
20 positions across the system at a ratio of no less than one counselor  
21 for every nine hundred students for career navigation or other  
22 professional counseling services;

23 (d) To increase compensation to attract and retain faculty and  
24 staff, as defined in collective bargaining agreements;

25 (e) To convert part-time faculty positions to full-time faculty  
26 positions, consistent with each college's operating budget and as  
27 defined in collective bargaining agreements;

28 (f) To commit to achieving pay equity in faculty compensation by  
29 reducing the gap between compensation for part-time faculty and full-  
30 time faculty within a college. No less than fifteen million dollars  
31 of the total moneys appropriated in the 2019-2021 biennium to  
32 implement this section shall be used for this purpose; and

33 (g) To provide professional development funding for faculty and  
34 staff, including cultural competency training, consistent with each  
35 college's operating budget and as defined in collective bargaining  
36 agreements.

37 (5) A community or technical college may not use more than five  
38 percent of its allocated amount to satisfy indirect costs for  
39 administration and overhead of the moneys allocated.

1 (6) (a) Each community and technical college shall issue a report  
2 to the college board regarding the use of the moneys provided to  
3 implement this section.

4 (b) The report must detail the amount of moneys provided in each  
5 of the uses authorized in subsection (4) of this section and the  
6 impacts the funding has had on students, staff, and faculty.

7 (c) The report must include the amount of moneys used to fund  
8 additional counselor positions and the counselor-to-student ratio  
9 before and after the college was provided moneys for additional  
10 counselors.

11 (d) The report must include the amount of moneys used toward the  
12 goal of achieving pay equity in faculty compensation, including the  
13 number of part-time faculty positions converted to full-time faculty  
14 positions and the number of part-time faculty positions that have  
15 been created.

16 (7) By December 1, 2020, and each December 1st thereafter, the  
17 college board shall submit to the appropriate committees of the  
18 legislature a compilation and summary of the reports received from  
19 each of the community and technical colleges.

20 (8) This section shall be known as the reinvest in our colleges  
21 program.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of two hundred fifty million  
23 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
24 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and two hundred fifty million  
25 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
26 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, from the general fund to the  
27 state board of community and technical colleges for the purposes of  
28 this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
31 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
32 effect July 1, 2019.

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