
SENATE BILL 5236

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging apprenticeships; amending RCW
2 28B.77.230; adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that interest in
6 registered apprenticeships is increasing, with applications to the
7 department of labor and industries rising from five programs in 2017
8 to eleven programs in 2018. Those programs spanned only nine
9 occupations in 2017, but rose to cover twenty-seven in 2018. The
10 legislature intends to build on the success of the incumbent worker
11 training programs by providing resources to develop them into full
12 registered apprenticeships that are sustainable and less susceptible
13 to short-term budget cycles.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) Subject to appropriation, the department of labor and
17 industries shall, through the supervisor of apprenticeship, employ a
18 coordinator to do outreach and assist in establishing registered
19 apprenticeship programs where they do not exist in state government,
20 public education, and the health care industry.

1 (2) The office of financial management shall work with the
2 coordinator established in subsection (1) of this section to do
3 outreach and assist in establishing apprenticeship and training
4 programs where they do not exist in state government.

5 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
6 work with the coordinator established in subsection (1) of this
7 section to do outreach and assist in establishing apprenticeship and
8 training programs where they do not exist in public education.

9 (4) The department of health shall work with the coordinator
10 established in subsection (1) of this section to do outreach and
11 assist in establishing apprenticeship and training programs where
12 they do not exist in the health care industry.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.77.230 and 2012 c 229 s 116 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The council, the state board for community and technical
16 colleges, the council of presidents, the four-year institutions of
17 higher education, the private independent higher education
18 institutions, and the private career schools shall collaborate to
19 carry out the following goals:

20 (a) Increase the number of students who receive academic credit
21 for prior learning and the number of students who receive credit for
22 prior learning that counts towards their major or towards earning
23 their degree, certificate, or credential, while ensuring that credit
24 is awarded only for high quality, course-level competencies;

25 (b) Increase the number and type of academic credits accepted for
26 prior learning in institutions of higher education, while ensuring
27 that credit is awarded only for high quality, course-level
28 competencies;

29 (c) Develop transparent policies and practices in awarding
30 academic credit for prior learning;

31 (d) Improve prior learning assessment practices across the
32 institutions of higher education;

33 (e) Create tools to develop faculty and staff knowledge and
34 expertise in awarding credit for prior learning and to share
35 exemplary policies and practices among institutions of higher
36 education;

37 (f) Develop articulation agreements when patterns of credit for
38 prior learning are identified for particular programs and pathways;
39 and

1 (g) Develop outcome measures to track progress on the goals
2 outlined in this section.

3 (2) The council shall convene the academic credit for prior
4 learning work group.

5 (a) The work group must include the following members:

6 (i) One representative from the council;

7 (ii) One representative from the state board for community and
8 technical colleges;

9 (iii) One representative from the council of presidents;

10 (iv) Two representatives each from faculty from two and four-year
11 institutions of higher education;

12 (v) Two representatives from private career schools;

13 (vi) Two representatives from business; and

14 (vii) Two representatives from labor.

15 (b) The purpose of the work group is to coordinate and implement
16 the goals in subsection (1) of this section.

17 (3) The council shall report progress on the goals and outcome
18 measures annually by December (~~(31st)~~) 10th.

19 (4) For the purposes of this section, "prior learning" means the
20 knowledge and skills gained through work and life experience; through
21 military training and experience; through hours of work and
22 instruction as a registered apprentice; and through formal and
23 informal education and training from in-state and out-of-state
24 institutions including foreign institutions.

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