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1 AN ACT Relating to addressing the cybersecurity and information
2 technology professional shortage by studying different incentive
3 methods for attracting high-demand talent in information technology
4 and cybersecurity to state agencies; creating a new section; and
5 providing an expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The student achievement council, in
8 collaboration with the state board for community and technical
9 colleges and the workforce training and education coordinating board,
10 shall study the demand for qualified information technology and
11 cybersecurity employees at state agencies, including the need for
12 individuals with specializations or certifications in information
13 technology and cybersecurity, such as project management and common
14 business-oriented language programmers. The student achievement
15 council shall review methods and programs for students in information
16 technology or cybersecurity certificate or degree programs across the
17 state that would incentivize and attract high-demand, information
18 technology and cybersecurity students to work for state agencies
19 after graduation. These methods or programs may include, but are not
20 limited to, conditional loan or scholarship programs, loan
21 forgiveness programs, or stipend incentives. The student achievement

1 council shall report to the legislature, in accordance with RCW
2 43.01.036, regarding the findings by January 1, 2018.
3 (2) This section expires July 1, 2018.

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