
SENATE BILL 5853

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By Senators Walsh, Rolfes, Angel, Warnick, Wellman, Conway, Rivers, Takko, Schoesler, Zeiger, Brown, Billig, Bailey, Fain, and Hasegawa

1 AN ACT Relating to career and technical education funding; adding
2 new sections to chapter 28A.150 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington
6 state requires a workforce that supports our highly diversified
7 economy and helps build healthy, safe communities. Recent economic
8 studies are projecting that Washington state will experience
9 historically high job growth over the next five years. An estimated
10 seven hundred forty thousand job openings will create opportunities
11 for Washingtonians holding some level of postsecondary educational
12 credential or training. About thirty-five percent of these projected
13 opportunities will offer wages ranging from sixty thousand dollars to
14 over one hundred thousand dollars for those candidates who have
15 acquired special skills and training while achieving a high school
16 diploma and some postsecondary training. An estimated forty-five
17 percent of these seven hundred forty thousand jobs are called
18 "pathway jobs" with salaries of thirty thousand dollars to forty-five
19 thousand dollars and offer a route to a career job for those who have
20 earned a high school diploma and some postsecondary credentials or
21 training. The legislature further finds the joint legislative task

1 force on the economic resilience of maritime and manufacturing in
2 Washington finds that current and future jobs in the maritime and
3 manufacturing sectors, which together constitute an estimated forty
4 percent of the state's economy, will require workers who have been
5 offered career and technical education pathways while in middle
6 school and high school that lead to postsecondary credentials and
7 employment in Washington state. The legislature also finds the United
8 States department of agriculture predicts, in its recent report on
9 employment opportunities for college graduates in food, agriculture,
10 renewable natural resources, and the environment, that employment
11 opportunities in these fields are expected to increase and that the
12 agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors can
13 offer rewarding career paths for students who are interested in the
14 natural world and are excited by the idea of having a career with
15 outdoor opportunities. Therefore, the legislature intends to offer a
16 comprehensive approach to career and technical education pathways in
17 middle school and high school that help prepare today's students for
18 rewarding future careers across a broad spectrum of industries.

19 The legislature further intends to enhance the per pupil funding
20 formula for career and technical education to reflect the additional
21 costs for materials, supplies, and other operational expenses. The
22 legislature also intends to specify the allowable uses for this
23 funding and to specify a maximum indirect cost to ensure that the
24 funds appropriated are used to the greatest extent possible for their
25 intended purpose.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 The only allowable uses of the funding provided for career and
29 technical education are:

30 (1) Materials, equipment, and supplies for career and technical
31 education programs;

32 (2) Career and technical education staff salaries limited to the
33 state salary allocation and extended learning activities and
34 contracts connected to career and technical education program
35 delivery;

36 (3) Work-based learning programs such as internships and
37 preapprenticeship programs, including coordination tied to career and
38 technical education coursework;

1 (4) New high quality career and technical education and expanded
2 learning program development in high-demand fields;

3 (5) Certified work-based learning coordinators and career
4 guidance advisors;

5 (6) School expenses associated with career and technical
6 education community partnerships with a career discovery focus
7 including research or evidence-based mentoring programs and expanded
8 learning opportunities in school, before or after school, and during
9 the summer, and career-focused education programs with private and
10 public K-12 schools and colleges, community-based organizations and
11 nonprofit organizations, industry partners, and workforce development
12 entities;

13 (7) Professional development associated with career and technical
14 education training with K-12 schools, community and technical
15 colleges, and industry partners;

16 (8) Student fees for national and state industry-recognized
17 certifications; and

18 (9) Course equivalency development to integrate core learning
19 standards into career and technical education courses.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The maximum allowable indirect cost for exploratory and
23 preparatory career and technical education courses shall not exceed
24 five percent of the allocation received by the school district.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are necessary
26 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
27 safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
28 institutions, and take effect immediately.

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