
HOUSE BILL 2540

State of Washington 52nd Legislature 1992 Regular Session

By Representatives Jacobsen, Dellwo, Wood, Zellinsky, Wineberry,
Schmidt, Wilson, Paris, Wang, J. Kohl, O'Brien and Anderson

Read first time 01/20/92. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to American Indians; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A center is established for the
5 development of curriculum on American Indians of the Northwest. The
6 center shall be administered by a state institution of higher education
7 selected by the higher education coordinating board. In making its
8 selection, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

9 (1) To appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in the
10 design of the request for proposal and the selection of the
11 administering institution;

12 (2) Through a competitive process that gives priority to proposals
13 that are collaborative and are sensitive to the needs of teachers and

1 of members of the American Indian community, to select a lead
2 institution to administer the center; and

3 (3) To consider institutional roles and missions and plans for
4 areas of emphasis or excellence when selecting an institution to
5 administer the center.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The purposes of the center established
7 in section 1 of this act shall include but not be limited to:

8 (1) Developing and disseminating curriculum for students in the K-
9 12 system on the culture, history, government, and philosophy of
10 American Indians;

11 (2) When funding is available, assisting school districts to
12 evaluate textbooks and course materials to ensure that the perspective
13 of American Indians is included in subject matter on the history,
14 culture, government, psychology, and philosophy of the people of this
15 country, state, and region;

16 (3) Working with Washington's colleges and universities to develop
17 course work and materials for prospective teachers on the culture,
18 history, philosophy, psychology, and government of the American Indian
19 peoples of the Pacific Northwest;

20 (4) Providing materials, institutes, and workshops on American
21 Indians to teachers, college and university professors, and school
22 administrators;

23 (5) Working with American Indians, Indian educators, school
24 administrators, parents, and community leaders to ensure that issues of
25 concern to American Indians remain a major focal point of the center;
26 and

27 (6) Seeking additional funding from federal, local, and private
28 sources.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The president of the lead institution or
2 his or her designee shall appoint a committee to advise the center
3 created in section 1 of this act. The committee shall include, but
4 need not be limited to representatives of: The governor's office of
5 Indian affairs, the Indian educators association, the office of the
6 superintendent of public instruction, teachers, professors in schools
7 or colleges of education, and members of Washington's Indian tribes.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are
9 each added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.