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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6723**

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**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pelz, Goings, Hargrove, Heavey, Wojahn, Rasmussen, Winsley and Kohl)

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1       AN ACT Relating to safeguarding employment, training, and  
2 development programs for young men and women in Washington state;  
3 adding new sections to chapter 50.72 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state legislature recognizes  
6 the importance of employment and training programs in providing  
7 disadvantaged young men and women with opportunities to develop a work  
8 ethic, attain economic self-sufficiency, and put their talents and  
9 enthusiasm to constructive uses. In addition, successful employment  
10 and training programs, such as summer employment, play a key role in  
11 supporting strong families and promoting young individuals to invest in  
12 their communities.

13       It is the intent of the legislature to ensure that effective youth  
14 employment and training programs are maintained and that recent  
15 reductions in federal funds do not prevent disadvantaged young men and  
16 women from being productive members of society.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The employment security department is  
2 required to administer the provision of services to disadvantaged young  
3 men and women.    Such services may include any of the following:

4        (1) General employment and training services, such as:

5        (a) Summer youth employment;

6        (b) Assessment;

7        (c) Competency attainment;

8        (d) Work skills training and development;

9        (e) Work experience including on-the-job training;

10       (f) Preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training;

11       (g) School-to-work transition services;

12       (h) Basic skills remediation; and

13       (i) Job search assistance.

14       (2) Leadership development services, including:

15       (a) Communication and team building;

16       (b) Conflict resolution;

17       (c) Community development; and

18       (d) Leadership development.

19       (3) Support services, including:

20       (a) Payment of support services and needs-based payments or wages;

21 and

22       (b) Case management and follow-up services.

23       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The employment security department is  
24 authorized to:

25       (1) Contract to deliver program services;

26       (2) Allocate funds to service providers;

27       (3) Carry out the duties specified in sections 2 through 5 of this  
28 act; and

29       (4) Establish administrative rules in accordance with the  
30 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

31       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    Either directly or by promoting programs  
32 funded under sections 2 through 5 of this act that, to the greatest  
33 extent possible, adhere to the following guidelines, the employment  
34 security department shall:

35       (1) Coordinate with the Washington state work force training and  
36 education coordination board in program development and implementation;

1 (2) Adhere to the state s comprehensive plan for work force  
2 training;

3 (3) Consult on an on-going basis with business, labor, private  
4 industry councils, and community leaders to ensure a high level of  
5 public/private partnerships;

6 (4) Promote program activities that demonstrate a record of  
7 success;

8 (5) Develop program goals and indicators that are consistent with  
9 those adopted by the work force training and education coordination  
10 board, including but not limited to (a) measures of gaining and  
11 retaining employment, (b) measures of earnings, and (c) level of  
12 customer satisfaction;

13 (6) Support the development of the state's one-stop-shop approach  
14 to the delivery of program services;

15 (7) Address unmet community needs;

16 (8) Support the state's development of a school-to-work transition  
17 system;

18 (9) Maintain a low administrative overhead, with a target of below  
19 ten percent of program funds;

20 (10) Encourage local support through matching funds; and

21 (11) Support, as appropriate, participation in high skills  
22 training.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The programs and services funded under  
24 sections 2 through 4 of this act shall be evaluated to determine their  
25 impact and effectiveness in achieving the program indicators  
26 established pursuant to section 4(5) of this act. The department shall  
27 report its findings and recommendations to the legislature on an annual  
28 basis.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its  
30 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
31 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
32 persons or circumstances is not affected.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If any part of this act is found to be in  
34 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
35 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
36 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with

1 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
2 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to  
3 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal  
4 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal  
5 funds by the state.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each  
7 added to chapter 50.72 RCW.

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