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1 AN ACT Relating to athletic leadership positions for women; adding
2 new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that (1) the
5 implementation of Title IX of the education amendments of 1972 has
6 resulted in dramatically expanding the opportunities for women and
7 girls to participate in sports; (2) there has been a dramatic decrease,
8 however, in the number of women coaches, athletic administrators, and
9 sports officials; (3) the current percentage of women in athletic
10 leadership positions does not accurately reflect the number of women
11 available for leadership positions; (4) the number of female coaches,
12 athletic administrators, and sports officials is disproportionate to
13 the number of women and girls involved in intramural, interscholastic,
14 and intercollegiate athletics; (5) young men and women will benefit by

1 having role models of women successfully holding athletic leadership
2 positions; (6) there are women who are capable and qualified to hold
3 leadership positions; (7) the number of women in athletic leadership
4 positions will not increase unless concerted efforts are made on their
5 behalf. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to create a
6 sports clearinghouse for dissemination of information regarding
7 athletic leadership opportunities to qualified women candidates.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state board for community and
9 technical colleges shall establish an information clearinghouse for
10 recruiting women as coaches, assistant coaches, athletic directors, and
11 athletic administrators. The clearinghouse shall be used by coaches,
12 athletic associations, common schools, and public and private
13 institutions of higher education in Washington state. The services of
14 the clearinghouse shall include:

15 (1) Collection of information on coaching vacancies in common
16 schools and public and private institutions of higher education;

17 (2) Collection and provision of information on potential women
18 candidates to institutions, athletic directors, coaches, and athletic
19 associations;

20 (3) Publication of notices of vacancies in athletic leadership
21 positions to qualified women candidates; and

22 (4) Coordinating the dissemination of information between women
23 candidates, common schools, institutions, coaches, athletic directors,
24 and athletic associations.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In establishing the information
26 clearinghouse, the state board for community and technical colleges
27 shall consult with four-year institutions of higher education, the

1 superintendent of public instruction, the council of presidents,
2 athletic associations, and community sports programs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state board for community and
4 technical colleges may contract with a private association to provide
5 the clearinghouse service and charge a fee to participants in the
6 program to cover administrative costs.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The state board for community and
8 technical colleges shall submit an annual report to the legislature
9 that includes but is not limited to:

10 (1) An analysis of the athletic leadership opportunities for women
11 in Washington state. The analysis should include but not be limited
12 to, the number of vacancies that occurred, where they occurred, the
13 number of candidates referred, and outcomes;

14 (2) A summary of the activities of the clearinghouse for the
15 preceding year, including services provided and to whom the services
16 were provided;

17 (3) Recommendations for improving dissemination of information to
18 girls and women interested in athletic leadership positions; and

19 (4) Recommendations for increasing opportunities for girls and
20 women in athletic leadership positions.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are
22 each added to chapter 28B.50 RCW.