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CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2630** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Education Appropriations (originally sponsored by
Representatives Probst, Kenney, Conway, Maxwell, Jacks, White,
Simpson, Seaquist, Sells, Goodman, Ormsby, and Santos)

READ FIRST TIME 02/09/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the opportunity express program;
2 amending RCW 28C.04.390 and 28C.18.164; adding new sections to chapter
3 28B.50 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that in times of
6 severe economic recession, the state has a special obligation to help
7 unemployed and low-income citizens access the training and education
8 necessary to help them find and keep living wage jobs. The legislature
9 also finds that during times of recession, when state revenues are at
10 their lowest, demand for education and training are at their highest,
11 making it especially important for the legislature to set clear goals
12 and make the most efficient use of limited state resources.

13 (2) The legislature therefore intends to expand training and
14 education programs, which have proven to be successful, to help
15 Washington citizens receive the training they need. These programs
16 include the worker retraining program, the opportunity grant program,
17 and the opportunity internship program. The legislature further
18 intends to create more effective intake and outreach systems to reach

1 the greatest number of citizens and connect them to the resources they
2 need, including college, apprenticeship, and preapprenticeship.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28C.04.390 and 1999 c 121 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The college board worker retraining program funds shall be used
6 for training programs and related support services, including financial
7 aid, counseling, referral to training resources, job referral, and job
8 development that:

9 (a) Are consistent with the unified plan for workforce development;

10 (b) Provide increased enrollments for dislocated workers;

11 (c) Provide customized training opportunities for dislocated
12 workers; and

13 (d) Provide increased enrollments and support services, including
14 financial aid for those students not receiving unemployment insurance
15 benefits, that do not replace or supplant any existing enrollments,
16 programs, support services, or funding sources.

17 (2) The college board shall develop a plan for use of the worker
18 retraining program funds in conjunction with the workforce training
19 customer advisory committee established in subsection (3) of this
20 section. In developing the plan the college board shall:

21 (a) Provide that applicants for worker retraining program funds
22 shall solicit financial support for training programs and give priority
23 in receipt of funds to those applicants which are most successful in
24 matching public dollars with financial support;

25 (b) Provide that applicants for worker retraining program funds
26 shall develop training programs in partnership with local businesses,
27 industry associations, labor, and other partners as appropriate and
28 give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants who develop
29 customized training programs in partnership with local businesses,
30 industry associations, and labor organizations;

31 (c) Give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants serving
32 rural areas;

33 (d) Ensure that applicants receiving worker retraining program
34 funds gather information from local workforce development councils on
35 employer workforce needs, including the needs of businesses with less
36 than twenty-five employees; (~~and~~)

1 (e) Provide for specialized vocational training at a private career
2 school or college at the request of a recipient eligible under
3 subsection (1)(b) of this section. Available tuition for the training
4 is limited to the amount that would otherwise be payable per enrolled
5 quarter to a public institution; and

6 (f) Give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants working
7 toward careers in the aerospace, health care, advanced manufacturing,
8 construction, forest product, and renewable energy industries; high-
9 demand occupations in strategic industry clusters identified in the
10 state comprehensive plan and the workforce development councils' local
11 comprehensive plans for workforce educational training as identified in
12 RCW 28C.18.080 and 28C.18.150; and occupations and industries
13 identified by community and technical colleges in collaboration with
14 local workforce development councils. For purposes of this section,
15 health care includes long-term care.

16 (3) The executive director of the college board shall appoint a
17 workforce training customer advisory committee by July 1, 1999, to:

18 (a) Assist in the development of the plan for the use of the
19 college board worker retraining program funds and recommend guidelines
20 to the college board for the operation of worker retraining programs;

21 (b) Recommend selection criteria for worker retraining programs and
22 grant applicants for receipt of worker retraining program grants;

23 (c) Provide advice to the college board on other workforce
24 development activities of the community and technical colleges;

25 (d) Recommend selection criteria for job skills grants, consistent
26 with criteria established in this chapter and chapter 121, Laws of
27 1999. Such criteria shall include a prioritization of job skills
28 applicants in rural areas;

29 (e) Recommend guidelines to the college board for the operation of
30 the job skills program; and

31 (f) Recommend grant applicants for receipt of job skills program
32 grants.

33 (4) Members of the workforce training customer advisory committee
34 shall consist of three college system representatives selected by the
35 executive director of the college board, three representatives of
36 business selected from nominations provided by statewide business
37 organizations, and three representatives of labor selected from

1 nominations provided by a statewide labor organization representing a
2 cross-section of workers in the state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 By July 1, 2010, and within existing resources, the college board
6 may create a single web site for the purpose of advertising the
7 availability of opportunity express funding to Washington citizens;
8 explaining that opportunity express helps people who want to pursue
9 college and apprenticeship for certain targeted industries; and
10 explaining that opportunity express includes the following tracks:
11 Worker retraining for unemployed adults; training programs approved by
12 the commissioner of the employment security department, training
13 programs administered by labor and management partnerships, and
14 training programs prioritized by industry, for unemployed adults and
15 incumbent workers; opportunity internships for high school students;
16 and opportunity grants for low-income adults. The web site may also
17 direct interested individuals to the appropriate local intake office.
18 The web site may also include a link to the Washington state department
19 of labor and industries apprenticeship program.

20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28C.18.164 and 2009 c 238 s 4 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) Opportunity internship consortia may apply to the board to
23 offer an opportunity internship program.

24 (a) The board, in consultation with the Washington state
25 apprenticeship and training council, may select those consortia that
26 demonstrate the strongest commitment and readiness to implement a high
27 quality opportunity internship program for low-income high school
28 students. The board shall place a priority on consortia with
29 demonstrated experience working with similar populations of students
30 and demonstrated capacity to assist a large number of students through
31 the progression of internship or preapprenticeship, high school
32 graduation, postsecondary education, and retention in a high-demand
33 occupation. The board shall place a priority on programs that
34 emphasize secondary career and technical education and nonbaccalaureate
35 postsecondary education; however, programs that target four-year
36 postsecondary degrees are eligible to participate.

1 (b)(i) Except as provided in (b)(ii) of this subsection (1), the
2 board shall enter into a contract with each consortium selected to
3 participate in the program. No more than ten consortia per year shall
4 be selected to participate in the program, and to the extent possible,
5 the board shall assure a geographic distribution of consortia in
6 regions across the state emphasizing a variety of targeted industries.
7 Each consortium may select no more than one hundred low-income high
8 school students per year to participate in the program.

9 (ii) For fiscal years 2011 through 2013, the board shall enter into
10 a contract with each consortium selected to participate in the program.
11 No more than twelve consortia per year shall be selected to participate
12 in the program, and to the extent possible, the board shall assure a
13 geographic distribution of consortia in regions across the state
14 emphasizing a variety of targeted industries. No more than five
15 thousand low-income high school students per year may be selected to
16 participate in the program.

17 (2) Under the terms of an opportunity internship program contract,
18 an opportunity internship consortium shall commit to the following
19 activities which shall be conducted using existing federal, state,
20 local, or private funds available to the consortium:

21 (a) Identify high-demand occupations in targeted industries for
22 which opportunity internships or preapprenticeships shall be developed
23 and provided;

24 (b) Develop and implement the components of opportunity
25 internships, including paid or unpaid internships or preapprenticeships
26 of at least ninety hours in length in high-demand occupations with
27 employers in the consortium, mentoring and guidance for students who
28 participate in the program, assistance with applications for
29 postsecondary programs and financial aid, and a guarantee of a job
30 interview with a participating employer for all opportunity internship
31 graduates who successfully complete a postsecondary program of study;

32 (c) Once the internship or preapprenticeship components have been
33 developed, conduct outreach efforts to inform low-income high school
34 students about high-demand occupations, the opportunity internship
35 program, options for postsecondary programs of study, and the
36 incentives and opportunities provided to students who participate in
37 the program;

1 (d) Obtain appropriate documentation of the low-income status of
2 students who participate in the program;

3 (e) Maintain communication with opportunity internship graduates of
4 the consortium who enroll in postsecondary programs of study; and

5 (f) Submit an annual report to the board on the progress of and
6 participation in the opportunity internship program of the consortium.

7 (3) Opportunity internship consortia are encouraged to:

8 (a) Provide paid opportunity internships or preapprenticeships,
9 including during the summer months to encourage students to stay
10 enrolled in high school;

11 (b) Work with high schools to offer opportunity internships as
12 approved worksite learning experiences where students can earn high
13 school credit;

14 (c) Designate the local workforce development council as fiscal
15 agent for the opportunity internship program contract;

16 (d) Work with area high schools to incorporate the opportunity
17 internship program into comprehensive guidance and counseling programs
18 such as the navigation 101 program; and

19 (e) Coordinate the opportunity internship program with other
20 workforce development and postsecondary education programs, including
21 opportunity grants, the college bound scholarship program, federal
22 workforce investment act initiatives, and college access challenge
23 grants.

24 (4) The board shall seek federal funds that may be used to support
25 the opportunity internship program, including providing the incentive
26 payments under RCW 28C.18.168.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 A separate and identifiable account, which shall be known as the
30 opportunity express account, is established. Moneys in the account may
31 be spent only after appropriation. Moneys in the account shall be used
32 only for the worker retraining program, training programs approved by
33 the commissioner of the employment security department, training
34 programs administered by labor and management partnerships, industry-
35 prioritized training programs, training programs that facilitate career
36 progression in health care occupations, the opportunity internship
37 program, and the opportunity grant program, and for administrative

1 costs related to these programs. Moneys in the account shall be used
2 to supplement, not supplant, existing funding for the opportunity grant
3 program.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
7 immediately.

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