

2SHB 1795 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2744.2/11) 731
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1 On page 45, after line 28 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** (1) The legislature finds that the methods
3 of providing funds to four-year public institutions of higher education
4 are based upon factors such as prior years' budget provisos and
5 inaccurate assumptions about the number of full-time equivalent
6 enrollments. The bases for these funding assumptions have grown
7 disconnected to legislative expectations and lack transparency and
8 accountability.

9 (2) A joint select legislative task force on the baccalaureate
10 funding formula is established. The task force shall consist of the
11 following members:

12 (a) Two members from each caucus of the senate appointed by the
13 president of the senate, two of the members must be members of the ways
14 and means committee and two must be members of the higher education and
15 workforce development committee; and

16 (b) Two members from each caucus of the house of representatives
17 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, two of the
18 members must be members of the ways and means committee and two must be
19 members of the higher education committee.

20 (3) The task force shall:

21 (a) Review statutes and budget provisos which govern public
22 institutions offering baccalaureate degrees;

23 (b) Specify the range of public interests and outcomes which are
24 served by public expenditures for higher education services;

25 (c) Review the basis for the state funding of public institutions
26 offering baccalaureate degrees; and

27 (d) Prepare and approve a recommended state operating budget method
28 which offers greater efficacy, transparency, and accountability for
29 baccalaureate institutions which receive public funds.

1 (4) The task force shall use legislative facilities, and staff
2 support shall be provided by senate committee services and the house
3 office of program research. The meetings of the task force shall be
4 planned for times which coincide with regular meetings of legislative
5 committees to the maximum extent possible.

6 (5) Members of the task force shall not be reimbursed for travel
7 expenses.

8 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
9 the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by January
10 16, 2012.

11 (7) This section expires June 30, 2012."

12 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any internal
13 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds a new section to create a legislative task force on the baccalaureate funding formula with eight legislative members from the House and Senate and each caucus. Requires that the task force review statutes and budget provisos which govern public institutions offering baccalaureate degrees; specifies the range of public interests and outcomes which are served by public expenditures in higher education; reviews the basis for the state funding of public institutions offering baccalaureate degrees; and prepares and approves a recommended state operating budget method which offers greater efficacy, transparency, and accountability for baccalaureate institutions which receive public funds. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature by January 1, 2012. Requires that task force members are not reimbursed for travel expenses and that meetings are arranged at times of other legislative meetings to the maximum extent possible.

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