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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington state education
2 council; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the long-term
5 success and prosperity of individual Washington state citizens and the
6 state as a whole depends on a high-quality public education system that
7 begins with learning for young children and continues seamlessly
8 through the common schools and a range of postsecondary and advanced
9 education alternatives. All aspects of the state's public education
10 system must be focused on the objective of student readiness and
11 equitable student achievement.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state education council
13 is established. The mission of the council is to recommend policies,
14 strategies, and a governance structure to make the public education
15 system student-focused and able to provide seamless service delivery
16 across all education sectors and entities, including early learning,
17 kindergarten through twelfth grade education in the common schools, and
18 postsecondary education.

1 (2) The Washington state education council is composed of
2 twenty-three members who shall represent the full spectrum of interests
3 and expertise in public education, from early learning through K-12 and
4 postsecondary education. In developing lists of candidates for
5 membership of the council, the organizations under this subsection (2)
6 must include individuals who have knowledge and experience in working
7 with historically underrepresented populations, including but not
8 limited to students with disabilities, English language learners, and
9 culturally diverse students and communities. The council shall
10 comprise:

11 (a) Two representatives of early learning programs and providers,
12 selected from six candidates submitted by advocacy organizations and
13 advisory committees on early learning;

14 (b) One public school administrator, selected from three candidates
15 submitted by the Washington association of school administrators;

16 (c) One public school director, selected from three candidates
17 submitted by the Washington state school directors' association;

18 (d) One public school principal, selected from three candidates
19 submitted by the association of Washington school principals;

20 (e) One parent, selected from three candidates submitted by the
21 Washington state parent teacher association;

22 (f) One career and technical educator, selected from three
23 candidates submitted by the Washington association for career and
24 technical education;

25 (g) One K-12 teacher, selected from three candidates submitted by
26 employee associations representing teachers;

27 (h) One community or technical college faculty member, selected
28 from three candidates submitted by employee associations representing
29 college faculty;

30 (i) One faculty member from a four-year public institution of
31 higher education, selected from three candidates submitted by the
32 faculty senates of the four-year public colleges and universities;

33 (j) One representative of classified employees, selected from three
34 candidates submitted by employee associations representing such
35 employees;

36 (k) Two representatives of four-year public institutions of higher
37 education, selected from six candidates submitted by the council of
38 presidents;

1 (l) Two representatives of community and technical colleges,
2 selected from six candidates submitted by the Washington association of
3 community and technical colleges;

4 (m) One representative of private education, selected from three
5 candidates submitted by associations representing approved private
6 schools, private career schools, and independent colleges and
7 universities;

8 (n) One representative of the business community, selected from
9 three candidates submitted by the partnership for learning;

10 (o) One representative of the office of the governor;

11 (p) The superintendent of public instruction; and

12 (q) Four members of the legislature, with two appointed by the
13 speaker of the house of representatives, one from each of the two major
14 caucuses of the house of representatives and two appointed by the
15 president of the senate, one from each of the two major caucuses of the
16 senate.

17 (3) Except for the superintendent of public instruction and the
18 legislative members, members of the council are appointed by the
19 governor. In making appointments, the governor shall consider the
20 diversity of the population of the state and strive for a balanced
21 representation of the state's geographic regions. The governor shall
22 also ensure that the membership of the council includes individuals who
23 have knowledge and experience in working with historically
24 underrepresented populations, including but not limited to students
25 with disabilities, English language learners, and culturally diverse
26 students and communities.

27 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall convene the
28 council and act as temporary chair until the council has an opportunity
29 to select a chair and vice chair from among its members.

30 (5) Ten voting members of the council constitute a quorum for the
31 transaction of business. The legislative members of the council may
32 participate in meetings of the council but may not vote. Except for
33 the legislative members, all other members of the council are voting
34 members.

35 (6) Members of the council, including the legislative members,
36 shall not be compensated for their service on the council and shall not
37 be reimbursed for travel expenses. In order to conserve resources, the

1 council shall maximize the use of technology to conduct its work and
2 shall meet only in public facilities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington state education council
4 shall develop recommendations for restructuring state entities with
5 responsibilities for early learning, K-12 education, and postsecondary
6 education in order to create a system of public education that is
7 student-focused and able to provide seamless service delivery across
8 all education sectors. Restructuring may include reassigning,
9 removing, or modifying duties and responsibilities and eliminating or
10 modifying entities as necessary to achieve more efficient and effective
11 service delivery and oversight.

12 (2) The council shall address the following state education
13 entities in its recommendations:

14 (a) The higher education coordinating board established under RCW
15 28B.76.040;

16 (b) The state board for community and technical colleges
17 established under RCW 28B.50.050;

18 (c) The state board of education established under RCW 28A.305.011;

19 (d) The professional educator standards board established under RCW
20 28A.410.200;

21 (e) The quality education council established under RCW
22 28A.290.010;

23 (f) The achievement gap oversight and accountability committee
24 established under RCW 28A.300.136;

25 (g) The Washington state school directors' association established
26 under RCW 28A.345.010;

27 (h) The office of the education ombudsman established under RCW
28 43.06B.010;

29 (i) The education research and data center established under RCW
30 43.41.400;

31 (j) The department of early learning established under RCW
32 43.215.020;

33 (k) The early learning advisory council established under RCW
34 43.215.090; and

35 (l) The office of the superintendent of public instruction.

36 (3) The council shall also examine current data and information

1 about student progress and success throughout the public education
2 system and identify state policies or data collection that would
3 improve the accountability of all education sectors.

4 (4) In developing its recommendations, the council shall also
5 identify state programs and initiatives that do not meaningfully
6 contribute to making the public education system more student-focused
7 and able to provide seamless service delivery.

8 (5) The council may establish advisory committees on specific
9 topics to receive adequate input, expertise, and participation from
10 education providers and community representatives in developing the
11 recommendations. Each advisory committee must include at least three
12 members of the council. Advisory committee members serve without
13 compensation or state reimbursement for travel expenses.

14 (6) The council must submit a preliminary progress report to the
15 governor and the legislature by January 5, 2012.

16 (7) The council must submit a final report with recommendations to
17 restructure strategic oversight and supervision of the public education
18 system to the governor and the legislature by December 5, 2012.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The office of the superintendent of public
20 instruction may assign no more than two full-time equivalent staff to
21 support the Washington state education council, with one assigned to
22 provide research support and one assigned to provide administrative
23 support. The council may request assistance from other state agencies
24 as needed.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires June 30, 2013.

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