
HOUSE BILL 2243

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying different incentive methods for
2 attracting high-demand talent in information technology and
3 cybersecurity to state agencies; creating a new section; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The student achievement council, in
7 collaboration with the state board for community and technical
8 colleges and the workforce training and education coordinating board,
9 shall study the demand for qualified information technology and
10 cybersecurity employees at state agencies, including the need for
11 individuals with specializations or certifications in information
12 technology and cybersecurity, such as project management and common
13 business-oriented language programmers. The student achievement
14 council shall review methods and programs for students in information
15 technology or cybersecurity certificate or degree programs across the
16 state that would incentivize and attract high-demand, information
17 technology and cybersecurity students to work for state agencies
18 after graduation. These methods or programs may include, but are not
19 limited to, conditional loan or scholarship programs, loan
20 forgiveness programs, or stipend incentives. The student achievement

1 council shall report to the legislature regarding the findings by
2 January 1, 2016.

3 (2) This section expires July 1, 2016.

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