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**SENATE BILL 5891**

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**By** Senators Salomon, Holy, Palumbo, Rivers, Lias, Kuderer, and Nguyen

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington adult diploma and  
2 workforce training program; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply  
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires  
7 otherwise.

8 (1) "Approved provider" means an eligible provider who was  
9 selected by the college board to be included on the approved provider  
10 list as a Washington adult diploma and workforce training program  
11 provider.

12 (2) "College board" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.50.030.

13 (3) "Cost per graduate" means the total program funding  
14 reimbursed to an approved provider divided by the total graduates for  
15 a cohort year.

16 (4) "Eligible provider" means a public, not-for-profit, or  
17 private entity that is accredited by a recognized regional  
18 accrediting body as a diploma-granting institution with at least two  
19 years of experience providing adult dropout recovery services.

20 (5) "Graduation rate" means the total graduates for the cohort  
21 year divided by the total graduates for the cohort year plus all

1 students for the cohort year for whom the approved provider has  
2 received funding.

3 (6) "Program" means the Washington adult diploma and workforce  
4 training program.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The college board shall establish the  
6 Washington adult diploma and workforce training program to assist  
7 adults with obtaining a high school diploma, increasing their  
8 employability, and developing career and technical skills.

9 (2) The college board shall maintain a list of approved providers  
10 who are eligible to deliver the education and training for the  
11 program. On an annual basis and within forty-five days after the  
12 beginning of the fiscal year, the college board shall issue a request  
13 for qualifications from eligible providers. Thirty days after the  
14 request for qualifications, the college board shall select eligible  
15 providers for the approved provider list based on the following  
16 criteria:

17 (a) Experience with providing dropout recovery services, such as  
18 recruitment, learning plan development, and proactive coaching and  
19 mentoring;

20 (b) Ability to provide academic skill intake assessment and  
21 transcript evaluations;

22 (c) Ability to develop a learning plan that integrates academic  
23 requirements and career goals;

24 (d) A course catalog that includes all courses necessary to meet  
25 Washington high school graduation requirements, as required by the  
26 state board of education;

27 (e) Ability to provide remediation coursework in literacy and  
28 numeracy;

29 (f) Ability to provide a research-validated academic resiliency  
30 assessment and intervention;

31 (g) Ability to provide employability skills development aligned  
32 to employer needs;

33 (h) Ability to provide career pathways coursework;

34 (i) Ability to provide preparation for industry-recognized  
35 credentials; and

36 (j) Ability to provide career placement services.

37 (3) Approved providers shall maintain their status on the  
38 approved provider list unless they fail to meet performance standards

1 and have been removed from the list in accordance with section 5 of  
2 this act.

3 (4) Approved providers selected to deliver the education and  
4 training for the program shall begin enrolling students no later than  
5 thirty days after selection.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The college board shall select  
7 approved providers from the approved provider list to participate in  
8 the program. Approved providers chosen to participate in the program  
9 shall be compensated based on performance milestones for each  
10 enrolled adult student. The milestones are as follows:

11 (a) One hundred seventy-five dollars for the completion of each  
12 half credit;

13 (b) Two hundred fifty dollars for the completion of an  
14 employability skills certification program equal to at least one  
15 Carnegie unit;

16 (c) Two hundred fifty dollars for the attainment of an industry-  
17 recognized credential requiring up to fifty hours of training;

18 (d) Five hundred dollars for the attainment of an industry-  
19 recognized credential requiring between fifty-one and one hundred  
20 hours of training;

21 (e) Seven hundred fifty dollars for the attainment of an  
22 industry-recognized credential requiring more than one hundred hours  
23 of training; and

24 (f) One thousand dollars for the attainment of an accredited high  
25 school diploma.

26 (2) Approved providers participating in the program shall submit  
27 monthly invoices to the college board no later than the tenth  
28 calendar day of each month itemizing the performance milestones  
29 achieved in the previous calendar month.

30 (3) The college board shall review the monthly invoices and  
31 compensate approved providers for performance milestones achieved in  
32 the order that invoices are received.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Approved providers shall submit annual  
34 reports to the college board by July 15th each year on the following  
35 performance metrics:

36 (1) The total number of students who have been funded by the  
37 program;

38 (2) The total number of credits earned;

- 1 (3) The total number of employability skills certificates issued;  
2 (4) The total number of industry-recognized credentials earned  
3 for each tier of funding; and  
4 (5) The total number of graduates.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The college board shall review the  
6 performance metrics submitted by each approved provider to ensure the  
7 program offered by each approved provider is achieving minimum  
8 program performance standards. Each approved provider must achieve  
9 the following annual standards:  
10 (a) A minimum fifty percent graduation rate; and  
11 (b) A cost per graduate of seven thousand dollars or less.  
12 (2) The college board shall place an approved provider who does  
13 not meet the performance standards on probationary status for the  
14 remainder of the year. An approved provider who fails to meet the  
15 minimum performance standards for two consecutive years shall be  
16 removed from the approved provider list.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act  
18 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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