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SENATE BILL 5391

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By Senators Litzow, Rolfes, Fain, Rivers, Dammeier, Ranker, Hill, McAuliffe, Angel, Benton, Chase, Keiser, Jayapal, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to applied baccalaureate degree programs at  
2 community and technical colleges leading to teacher certification;  
3 and amending RCW 28B.50.810.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.810 and 2012 c 229 s 816 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The college board may select community or technical colleges  
8 to develop and offer programs of study leading to applied  
9 baccalaureate degrees. Colleges may submit applications to the  
10 college board. The college board shall review the applications and  
11 select the colleges using objective criteria((7)) including, but not  
12 limited to:

13 (a) The college demonstrates the capacity to make a long-term  
14 commitment of resources to build and sustain a high quality program;

15 (b) The college has or can readily engage faculty appropriately  
16 qualified to develop and deliver a high quality curriculum at the  
17 baccalaureate level;

18 (c) The college can demonstrate demand for the proposed program  
19 from a sufficient number of students within its service area to make  
20 the program cost-effective and feasible to operate;

1 (d) The college can demonstrate that employers demand the level  
2 of technical training proposed within the program, making it cost-  
3 effective for students to seek the degree; and

4 (e) The proposed program fills a gap in options available for  
5 students because it is not offered by a public four-year institution  
6 of higher education in the college's geographic area.

7 (2) A college selected under this section may develop the  
8 curriculum for and design and deliver courses leading to an applied  
9 baccalaureate degree. However, degree programs developed under this  
10 section are subject to approval by the college board under RCW  
11 28B.50.090.

12 (3) By March 15, 2016, the state board for community and  
13 technical colleges shall submit to the professional educator  
14 standards board up to five proposals from community and technical  
15 college sites at which applied baccalaureate degree programs in  
16 education and leading to teacher certification via a professional  
17 educator standards board-approved alternative route program will be  
18 provided. Programs with proposals approved by the professional  
19 educator standards board shall admit candidates no later than the  
20 fall 2016 term.

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