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1 AN ACT Relating to a surcharge for excess credits taken at
2 institutions of higher education; reenacting and amending RCW
3 28B.15.031; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) As used in this section and RCW 28B.15.031, "excess credit"
8 means: (a) Any credit taken by an undergraduate student who has
9 accumulated more than one hundred fifteen percent of the number of
10 credits required to complete the student's baccalaureate degree program
11 at a state university, regional university, or The Evergreen State
12 College; or (b) any credit taken at a community college by a student
13 who has accumulated more than two hundred ten quarter credits or one
14 hundred forty semester credits.

15 (2) State universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen
16 State College shall collect a surcharge from any undergraduate student
17 who is enrolled for excess credits. The surcharge for those excess
18 credits shall be calculated to ensure that, for those credits, the
19 student pays one hundred percent of the per student undergraduate

1 educational cost calculated by the higher education coordinating board
2 for that type of institution of higher education.

3 (3) Community colleges shall collect a surcharge from any student
4 who is enrolled for excess credits. The surcharge for those excess
5 credits shall be calculated to ensure that, for those credits, the
6 student pays one hundred percent of the per student undergraduate
7 educational cost calculated by the higher education coordinating board
8 for community colleges.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.031 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 6 and 1993 c 379 s
10 201 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

11 The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall include the
12 fees, other than building fees, charged all students registering at the
13 state's colleges and universities but shall not include surcharges for
14 excess credits under section 1 of this act, or fees for short courses,
15 self-supporting degree credit programs and courses, marine station
16 work, experimental station work, correspondence or extension courses,
17 and individual instruction and student deposits or rentals,
18 disciplinary and library fines, which colleges and universities shall
19 have the right to impose, laboratory, gymnasium, health, and student
20 activity fees, or fees, charges, rentals, and other income derived from
21 any or all revenue producing lands, buildings and facilities of the
22 colleges or universities heretofore or hereafter acquired, constructed
23 or installed, including but not limited to income from rooms,
24 dormitories, dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing or student
25 activity buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or the
26 appurtenances thereon, or such other special fees as may be established
27 by any college or university board of trustees or regents from time to
28 time. All moneys received as operating fees at any institution of
29 higher education shall be deposited in a local account containing only
30 operating fees revenue and related interest: PROVIDED, That two and
31 one-half percent of operating fees shall be retained by the
32 institutions, except the technical colleges, for the purposes of RCW
33 28B.15.820. Local operating fee accounts shall not be subject to
34 appropriation by the legislature or allotment procedures under chapter
35 43.88 RCW.

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