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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Jones, Wood, Jacobsen, Morris, Sprenkle, Miller, Zellinsky, Broback, Edmondson, D. Sommers, Wynne, Chandler, Van Luven, P. Johnson, Casada, Hochstatter, Bowman and Tate).

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- AN ACT Relating to higher education; and amending RCW 28B.15.380,
- 2 28B.15.385, 28B.15.520, 28B.35.361, and 28B.40.361.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 28B.15.380 and 1990 c 154 s 1 are each amended to read
- 5 as follows:
- 6 In addition to any other exemptions as may be provided by law, the
- 7 board of regents at the state universities may exempt the following
- 8 classes of persons from the payment of tuition fees or services and
- 9 activities fees except for individual instruction fees: (1) All
- 10 veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005: PROVIDED, That such persons are
- 11 no longer entitled to federal vocational or educational benefits
- 12 conferred by virtue of their military service: AND PROVIDED FURTHER,
- 13 That if any such veterans have not resided in this state for one year
- 14 prior to registration said board may exempt them up to one-half of the
- 15 tuition payable by other nonresident students: AND, PROVIDED FURTHER,

- 1 That such exemptions shall be provided only to those persons otherwise
- 2 covered who were enrolled in universities on or before October 1, 1977.
- 3 (2) Children of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter who lost
- 4 his life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed
- 5 by any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer fire
- 6 department in this state: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive the
- 7 exemption only if they begin their course of study at a state
- 8 university within ten years of their graduation from high school. (3)
- 9 Any person twenty-five years of age or younger who is the child of a
- 10 person who had been a Washington domiciliary for at least one year at
- 11 the time he or she was killed in action or became totally disabled in
- 12 the line of duty while a member of the active duty military forces of
- 13 the United States.
- 14 Sec. 2. RCW 28B.15.385 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 191 s 5 are each
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 16 For the purposes of RCW 28B.15.380, 28B.15.385, 28B.15.520,
- 17 <u>28B.35.361</u>, and 28B.40.361 the phrase "totally disabled" as used in RCW
- 18 28B.15.380, 28B.15.520, 28B.35.361, and 28B.40.361 shall mean a person
- 19 who has become totally and permanently disabled for life by bodily
- 20 injury or disease, and is thereby prevented from performing any
- 21 occupation or gainful pursuit.
- 22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.520 and 1990 c 154 s 2 are each amended to read
- 23 as follows:
- Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or chapter
- 25 28B.50 RCW as now or hereafter amended:
- 26 (1) Boards of trustees of the various community colleges shall
- 27 waive tuition fees and services and activities fees for students
- 28 nineteen years of age or older who are eligible for resident tuition

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- 1 and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015 and who
- 2 enroll in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish
- 3 their high school education and obtain a high school diploma or
- 4 certificate;
- 5 (2) The various community college boards may waive the tuition and
- 6 services and activities fees for children of any law enforcement
- 7 officer or fire fighter who lost his life or became totally disabled in
- 8 the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or
- 9 full time or volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That
- 10 such persons may receive the exemption only if they begin their course
- 11 of study at a community college within ten years of their graduation
- 12 from high school;
- 13 (3) The various community college boards may exempt from tuition
- 14 and services and activities fees charges any person twenty-five years
- 15 of age or younger who is the child of a person who had been a
- 16 Washington domiciliary for at least one year at the time he or she was
- 17 killed in action or became totally disabled in the line of duty while
- 18 a member of the active duty military forces of the United States;
- 19 <u>(4)</u> Boards of trustees of the various community colleges may waive
- 20 residency requirements for students enrolled in that community college
- 21 in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish their
- 22 high school education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate.
- 23 The waiver shall be in effect only for those courses which lead to a
- 24 high school diploma or certificate; and
- 25 (((4))) Boards of trustees of the various community colleges
- 26 may waive the nonresident portion of tuition and fees for up to forty
- 27 percent of the students enrolled in the regional education program for
- 28 deaf students, subject to federal funding of such program.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.35.361 and 1990 c 154 s 3 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

The boards of trustees of each regional university may exempt from 3 4 the payment of tuition or services and activities fees, except for individual instruction fees, (1) all veterans who served in the armed 5 6 forces of the United States who have served the United States during any period of war as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and who shall have served 7 with evidence of conduct other than undesirable, bad conduct or 8 9 dishonorable upon release from active service: PROVIDED, That such person is no longer entitled to federal vocational or educational 10 benefits conferred by virtue of his military service: 11 PROVIDED 12 FURTHER, That such exemptions shall be provided only to those persons otherwise covered who were enrolled in the regional universities on or 13 before October 1, 1977, ((and)) (2) all children of any law enforcement 14 15 officer or fire fighter who lost his life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or 16 17 full time or volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That 18 such persons may receive the exemption only if they begin their course 19 of study at a regional university within ten years of their graduation 20 from high school, and (3) any person twenty-five years of age or younger who is the child of a person who had been a Washington 21 domiciliary for at least one year at the time he or she was killed in 22 23 action or became totally disabled in the line of duty while a member of 24 the active duty military forces of the United States.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.40.361 and 1990 c 154 s 4 are each amended to read 26 as follows:

The board of trustees of The Evergreen State College may exempt from the payment of tuition or services and activities fees, except for individual instruction fees, (1) all veterans who served in the armed

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forces of the United States who have served the United States during 1 2 any period of war as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and who shall have served with evidence of conduct other than undesirable, bad conduct or 3 dishonorable upon release from active service: PROVIDED, That such 4 person is no longer entitled to federal vocational or educational 5 6 benefits conferred by virtue of his military service: FURTHER, That such exemptions shall be provided only to those persons 7 otherwise covered who were enrolled in state colleges on or before 8 October 1, 1977, ((and)) (2) all children of any law enforcement 9 10 officer or fire fighter who lost his life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or 11 12 full time or volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That 13 such persons may receive the exemption only if they begin their course 14 of study at The Evergreen State College within ten years of their graduation from high school, and (3) any person twenty-five years of 15 age or younger who is the child of a person who had been a Washington 16 17 domiciliary for at least one year at the time he or she was killed in 18 action or became totally disabled in the line of duty while a member of 19 the active duty military forces of the United States.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.