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By Senators McDonald and Niemi; by request of Governor Gardner

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1            AN ACT Relating to higher education tuition waivers; amending RCW  
2 28B.10.265, 28B.15.520, 28B.15.543, 28B.15.545, 28B.15.620, 28B.15.628,  
3 28B.50.259, and 28B.80.580; and reenacting and amending RCW 28B.15.014.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.265 and 1985 c 390 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            Children of any person who was a Washington domiciliary and who  
8 within the past eleven years has been determined by the federal  
9 government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action in Southeast  
10 Asia, including Korea, or who shall become so hereafter, (~~shall~~) may  
11 be admitted to and attend any public institution of higher education  
12 within the state without the necessity of paying any tuition and  
13 service and activities' fees for any and all courses offered at any  
14 time including summer term whether attending on a part time or full

1 time basis: PROVIDED, That such child shall meet such other  
2 educational qualifications as such institution of higher education  
3 shall deem reasonable and necessary under the circumstances. Affected  
4 institutions shall in their preparation of future budgets include  
5 therein costs resultant from such tuition loss for reimbursement  
6 thereof from appropriations of state funds. Applicants for free  
7 tuition shall provide institutional administrative personnel with  
8 documentation of their rights under this section.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.014 and 1989 c 306 s 3 and 1989 c 290 s 3 are  
10 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

11 The following nonresidents (~~shall~~) may be exempted from paying  
12 the nonresident tuition and fee differential:

13 (1) Any person who resides in the state of Washington and who holds  
14 a graduate service appointment designated as such by a public  
15 institution of higher education or is employed for an academic  
16 department in support of the instructional or research programs  
17 involving not less than twenty hours per week during the term such  
18 person shall hold such appointment.

19 (2) Any faculty member, classified staff member or administratively  
20 exempt employee holding not less than a half time appointment at an  
21 institution who resides in the state of Washington, and the dependent  
22 children and spouse of such persons.

23 (3) Active-duty military personnel stationed in the state of  
24 Washington and the spouses and dependents of such military personnel.

25 (4) Any immigrant refugee and the spouse and dependent children of  
26 such refugee, if the refugee (a) is on parole status, or (b) has  
27 received an immigrant visa, or (c) has applied for United States  
28 citizenship.

1 (5) Domestic exchange students participating in the program created  
2 under RCW 28B.15.725.

3 (6) Any dependent of a member of the United States congress  
4 representing the state of Washington.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.520 and 1990 c 154 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or chapter  
8 28B.50 RCW as now or hereafter amended:

9 (1) Boards of trustees of the various community colleges (~~shall~~)  
10 may waive tuition fees and services and activities fees for students  
11 nineteen years of age or older who are eligible for resident tuition  
12 and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015 and who  
13 enroll in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish  
14 their high school education and obtain a high school diploma or  
15 certificate;

16 (2) The various community college boards may waive the tuition and  
17 services and activities fees for children of any law enforcement  
18 officer or fire fighter who lost his life or became totally disabled in  
19 the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or  
20 full time or volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That  
21 such persons may receive the exemption only if they begin their course  
22 of study at a community college within ten years of their graduation  
23 from high school;

24 (3) Boards of trustees of the various community colleges may waive  
25 residency requirements for students enrolled in that community college  
26 in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish their  
27 high school education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate.  
28 The waiver shall be in effect only for those courses which lead to a  
29 high school diploma or certificate; and

1 (4) Boards of trustees of the various community colleges may waive  
2 the nonresident portion of tuition and fees for up to forty percent of  
3 the students enrolled in the regional education program for deaf  
4 students, subject to federal funding of such program.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.15.543 and 1990 c 33 s 558 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The boards of regents and trustees of the regional universities,  
8 state universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community  
9 colleges (~~shall~~) may waive tuition and service and activities fees  
10 for recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW 28A.600.100  
11 through 28A.600.150 for undergraduate studies. To qualify for the  
12 waiver, recipients shall enter the college or university within three  
13 years of high school graduation and maintain a minimum grade point  
14 average at the college or university equivalent to 3.30. Students  
15 shall be eligible for waivers for a maximum of twelve quarters or eight  
16 semesters and may transfer among state institutions of higher education  
17 during that period and continue to have the tuition and services and  
18 activities fees waived by the state institution of higher education  
19 that the student attends. Should the student's cumulative grade point  
20 average fall below 3.30 during the first three quarters or two  
21 semesters, that student may petition the higher education coordinating  
22 board which shall have the authority to establish a probationary period  
23 until such time as the student's grade point average meets required  
24 standards.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.15.545 and 1987 c 231 s 1 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 The boards of regents and trustees of the state universities,  
28 regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community

1 colleges (~~shall~~) may waive tuition and services and activities fees  
2 for a maximum of six quarters or four semesters for recipients of the  
3 Washington award for vocational excellence established under RCW  
4 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.540. To qualify for the waiver, recipients  
5 shall enter the college or university within three years of receiving  
6 the award. A minimum grade point average at the college or university  
7 equivalent to 3.00 in the first year shall be required to qualify for  
8 the second-year waiver. The tuition waiver shall be granted for  
9 undergraduate studies only.

10 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.15.620 and 1989 c 306 s 4 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, veterans of the Vietnam  
13 conflict who have served in the southeast Asia theater of operations  
14 attending institutions of higher learning (~~shall~~) may be exempted  
15 from the payment of any increase in tuition and fees otherwise  
16 applicable to any other resident or nonresident student at any  
17 institution of higher education, and shall not be required to pay more  
18 than the total amount of tuition and fees paid by veterans of the  
19 Vietnam conflict on October 1, 1977: PROVIDED, That for the purposes  
20 of this exemption, "veterans of the Vietnam conflict" shall be those  
21 persons who have been on active federal service as a member of the  
22 armed military or naval forces of the United States between a period  
23 commencing August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, and who qualify  
24 as a resident student under RCW 28B.15.012, and who have enrolled in  
25 state institutions of higher education on or before May 7, 1990. This  
26 section shall expire June 30, 1995.

27 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.15.628 and 1991 c 228 s 14 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

1 A veteran of the Persian Gulf combat zone (~~shall~~) may be exempted  
2 from increases in tuition and fees at any public institution of higher  
3 education that occur during and after their period of service, and  
4 shall not be required to pay more than the total amount of tuition and  
5 fees established for the 1990-91 academic year, if the veteran could  
6 have qualified as a Washington resident student under RCW  
7 28B.15.012(2), had he or she been enrolled as a student on August 1,  
8 1990, and if the veteran's adjusted gross family income as most  
9 recently reported to the internal revenue service does not exceed  
10 Washington state's median family income as established by the federal  
11 bureau of the census. For the purposes of this section, "a veteran of  
12 the Persian Gulf combat zone" means a person who during any portion of  
13 calendar year 1991 served in active federal service as a member of the  
14 armed military or naval forces of the United States in a combat zone as  
15 designated by the president of the United States by executive order.

16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.50.259 and 1991 c 315 s 17 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The state board for community and technical colleges  
19 (~~education~~) shall administer a program designed to provide higher  
20 education opportunities to dislocated forest products workers and their  
21 unemployed spouses who are enrolled in a community or technical college  
22 for ten or more credit hours per quarter. In administering the program,  
23 the college board shall have the following powers and duties:

24 (a) With the assistance of an advisory committee, design a  
25 procedure for selecting dislocated forest products workers to  
26 participate in the program;

27 (b) Allocate funding to community and technical colleges attended  
28 by participants;

1 (c) Monitor the program and report on participants' progress and  
2 outcomes; and

3 (d) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the status of  
4 the program.

5 (2) Unemployed spouses of eligible dislocated forest products  
6 workers may participate in the program, but tuition and fees may be  
7 waived under the program only for the worker or the spouse and not  
8 both.

9 (3) The boards of trustees of the community and technical colleges  
10 (~~shall~~) may waive tuition and fees for program participants, for a  
11 maximum of six quarters within a two-year period.

12 (4) During any biennium, the number of full-time equivalent  
13 students to be served in this program shall be determined by the  
14 applicable omnibus appropriations act, and shall be in addition to the  
15 community college enrollment level funded by the applicable omnibus  
16 appropriations act.

17 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.80.580 and 1991 c 315 s 20 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) The board shall contract with institutions of higher education  
20 to provide upper division classes to serve additional placebound  
21 students in the timber impact areas meeting the following criteria, as  
22 determined by the employment security department: (a) A lumber and  
23 wood products employment location quotient at or above the state  
24 average; (b) a direct lumber and wood products job loss of one hundred  
25 positions or more; and (c) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent  
26 above the state average; and which are not served by an existing state-  
27 funded upper division degree program. The number of full-time  
28 equivalent students served in this manner shall be determined by the  
29 applicable omnibus appropriations act. The board may direct that all

1 the full-time equivalent enrollments be served in one of the eligible  
2 timber impact areas if it should determine that this would be the most  
3 viable manner of establishing the program and using available  
4 resources. The institutions shall utilize telecommunication  
5 technology, if available, to carry out the purposes of this section.  
6 The institutions providing the service (~~shall~~) may waive the tuition,  
7 service, and activities fees for dislocated forest products workers or  
8 their unemployed spouses enrolled as one of the full-time equivalent  
9 students allocated to the college under this section.

10 (2) Unemployed spouses of eligible dislocated forest products  
11 workers may participate in the program, but tuition and fees may be  
12 waived under the program only for the worker or the spouse and not  
13 both.

14 (3) For any eligible participant, tuition (~~shall~~) may be waived  
15 for a maximum of four semesters or six quarters within a two-year time  
16 period and the participant must be enrolled for a minimum of ten  
17 credits per semester or quarter.