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1 AN ACT Relating to accountability and collaboration in higher  
2 education and K-12 education; amending RCW 28B.10.016 and 28B.15.910;  
3 adding new sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 28A.300 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.016 and 1992 c 231 s 1 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 For the purposes of this title:

9 (1) "State universities" means the University of Washington and  
10 Washington State University.

11 (2) "Regional universities" means Western Washington University at  
12 Bellingham, Central Washington University at Ellensburg, and Eastern  
13 Washington University at Cheney.

14 (3) "State college" means The Evergreen State College in Thurston  
15 county.

16 (4) "Institutions of higher education" or "postsecondary  
17 institutions" means the state universities, the regional universities,  
18 The Evergreen State College, the community colleges, and the technical  
19 colleges.

1 (5) "Governing board" means the board of regents or the board of  
2 trustees of the institutions of higher education.

3 (6) "Baccalaureate institutions" means the state universities,  
4 regional universities, and the state college.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
6 throughout sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this act unless the context  
7 clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "State-supported" means an activity that is supported in whole  
9 or in part by money from the state general fund or student operating  
10 fees.

11 (2) "Precollege class or laboratory" means high school level  
12 classes or instruction intended to prepare postsecondary students for  
13 college level work. The classes or laboratories may offer high school  
14 level instruction in mathematics, grammar, reading, spelling, writing,  
15 and English. English as a second language shall not be included.

16 (3) "Institutions of higher education" means the baccalaureate  
17 institutions, the community colleges, and the technical colleges.

18 (4) "Recent high school graduate" means a person who graduated from  
19 a Washington high school sometime during the three years immediately  
20 before the student enrolled in a state-supported precollege class or  
21 laboratory at an institution of higher education.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By June 30th of each odd-numbered year, each  
23 baccalaureate institution, and for the community and technical colleges  
24 as a system, the state board for community and technical colleges,  
25 shall establish and report to the superintendent of public instruction  
26 an average per student instructional cost for state-supported  
27 precollege classes and laboratories offered by the institution or  
28 system.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Beginning with the fall 2000 academic  
30 term, a charge shall be assessed to each Washington school district  
31 that, within the preceding three years, graduated a student enrolled in  
32 any state-supported precollege class or laboratory offered at an  
33 institution of higher education.

34 (2) At the beginning of each school year, the superintendent of  
35 public instruction shall subtract from the allotment of each school  
36 district, and provide to institutions of higher education, an amount

1 equal to the average per-student instructional cost of each state-  
2 supported precollege class attended during the preceding fiscal year by  
3 each recent high school graduate who received a high school diploma  
4 from that school district. Funding shall first be reduced from  
5 nonbasic education funds, unless otherwise requested by the affected  
6 school district.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 The superintendent of public instruction shall reimburse  
10 institutions of higher education that, pursuant to section 4 of this  
11 act, provide instruction in precollege material.

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

14 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards  
15 of each of the colleges and universities shall waive tuition fees for  
16 precollege classes taken by recent high school graduates.

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 1997 c 433 s 5 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) Except for revenue waived under programs listed in subsection  
20 (3) of this section, and unless otherwise expressly provided in the  
21 omnibus state appropriations act, the total amount of operating fees  
22 revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by a state university, a regional  
23 university, The Evergreen State College, or the community colleges as  
24 a whole, shall not exceed the percentage of total gross authorized  
25 operating fees revenue set forth below. As used in this section,  
26 "gross authorized operating fees revenue" means the estimated gross  
27 operating fees revenue as estimated under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised  
28 by the office of financial management, before granting any waivers.  
29 This limitation applies to all tuition waiver programs established  
30 before or after July 1, 1992.

31	(a) University of Washington	21 percent
32	(b) Washington State University	20 percent
33	(c) Eastern Washington University	11 percent
34	(d) Central Washington University	8 percent
35	(e) Western Washington University	10 percent
36	(f) The Evergreen State College	6 percent

1 (g) Community colleges as a whole 35 percent

2 (2) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section apply to  
3 waivers, exemptions, or reductions in operating fees contained in the  
4 following:

5 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;

6 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;

7 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;

8 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;

9 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;

10 (f) Ungraded courses under RCW 28B.15.502(4);

11 (g) RCW 28B.15.520;

12 (h) RCW 28B.15.526;

13 (i) RCW 28B.15.527;

14 (j) RCW 28B.15.543;

15 (k) RCW 28B.15.545;

16 (l) RCW 28B.15.555;

17 (m) RCW 28B.15.556;

18 (n) RCW 28B.15.615;

19 (o) RCW 28B.15.620;

20 (p) RCW 28B.15.628;

21 (q) RCW 28B.15.730;

22 (r) RCW 28B.15.740;

23 (s) RCW 28B.15.750;

24 (t) RCW 28B.15.756;

25 (u) RCW 28B.50.259;

26 (v) RCW 28B.70.050; (~~and~~)

27 (w) RCW 28B.80.580; and

28 (x) Section 6 of this act.

29 (3) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section do not apply  
30 to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in services and activities fees  
31 contained in the following:

32 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;

33 (b) RCW 28B.15.535;

34 (c) RCW 28B.15.540; and

35 (d) RCW 28B.15.558.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    Sections 2 through 4 of this act are each  
2    added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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