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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; amending RCW 28B.15.067,
2 28B.10.776, 28B.10.778, and 28B.10.784; adding a new section to chapter
3 28B.15 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 28B.10.780,
4 28B.10.782, 28B.10.786, 28B.15.065, and 28B.80.500.

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

6 **TUITION**

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

9 The legislature finds that, as a partner in financing public higher
10 education with students and parents who pay tuition and fees, it is
11 important to provide predictability in tuition rates as well as
12 affordability. To accomplish predictability and affordability in
13 tuition rates, the legislature intends that annual changes in tuition
14 rates be based on the average per capita income in the state, as
15 predicted by the office of economic and revenue forecast.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 1996 c 212 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

1 (1) Tuition fees shall be established and adjusted annually under
2 the provisions of this chapter beginning with the 1997-98 academic
3 year. Such fees shall be identical, subject to other provisions of
4 this chapter, for students enrolled at any community college.

5 (2)(a) Tuition fees for resident undergraduate students shall be,
6 based on the cost study performed by the higher education coordinating
7 board:

8 (i) For students at research universities, no more than forty-six
9 percent of the cost per student at research universities;

10 (ii) For students at regional universities and The Evergreen State
11 College, no more than thirty-five percent of the cost per student at
12 regional universities and The Evergreen State College;

13 (iii) For students at community and technical colleges, no more
14 than thirty-two percent of the cost per student at community and
15 technical colleges;

16 (b) Tuition fees for nonresident undergraduate students shall be,
17 based on the cost study performed by the higher education coordinating
18 board:

19 (i) For students at research universities, no more than one hundred
20 thirty-seven percent of the cost per student at research universities;

21 (ii) For students at regional universities and The Evergreen State
22 College, no more than one hundred thirty-six percent of the cost per
23 student at regional universities and The Evergreen State College;

24 (iii) For students at community and technical colleges, no more
25 than one hundred thirty-four percent of the cost per student at
26 community and technical colleges;

27 (c) Tuition fees for resident graduate students shall be, based on
28 the cost study performed by the higher education coordinating board:

29 (i) For students at research universities, no more than thirty
30 percent of the cost per student at research universities; and

31 (ii) For students at regional universities and The Evergreen State
32 College, no more than thirty-nine percent of the cost per student at
33 research universities;

34 (d) Tuition fees for nonresident graduate students shall be, based
35 on the cost study performed by the higher education coordinating board:

36 (i) For students at research universities, no more than seventy-six
37 percent of the cost per student at research universities; and

1 (ii) For students at regional universities and The Evergreen State
2 College, no more than one hundred twenty-four percent of the cost per
3 student at regional universities and The Evergreen State College.

4 (3) Academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's
5 institutions of higher education for the 1995-96 academic year, other
6 than the summer term, shall be as provided in this subsection.

7 (a) At the University of Washington and Washington State
8 University:

9 (i) For resident undergraduate students and other resident students
10 not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading to the
11 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
12 veterinary medicine, two thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars;

13 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate students and other nonresident
14 students not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading
15 to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and
16 doctor of veterinary medicine, eight thousand two hundred sixty-eight
17 dollars;

18 (iii) For resident graduate and law students not enrolled in
19 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
20 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, four thousand four hundred
21 ninety dollars;

22 (iv) For nonresident graduate and law students not enrolled in
23 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
24 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, eleven thousand six hundred
25 thirty-four dollars;

26 (v) For resident students enrolled in programs leading to the
27 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
28 veterinary medicine, seven thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars;
29 and

30 (vi) For nonresident students enrolled in programs leading to the
31 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
32 veterinary medicine, nineteen thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars.

33 (b) At the regional universities and The Evergreen State College:

34 (i) For resident undergraduate and all other resident students not
35 in graduate study programs, two thousand forty-five dollars;

36 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate and all other nonresident
37 students not in graduate study programs, seven thousand nine hundred
38 ninety-two dollars;

1 (iii) For resident graduate students, three thousand four hundred
2 forty-three dollars; and

3 (iv) For nonresident graduate students, eleven thousand seventy-one
4 dollars.

5 (c) At the community colleges:

6 (i) For resident students, one thousand two hundred twelve dollars;
7 and

8 (ii) For nonresident students, five thousand one hundred sixty-two
9 dollars and fifty cents.

10 (~~(3)~~) (4) Academic year tuition for full-time students at the
11 state's institutions of higher education beginning with the 1996-97
12 academic year, other than the summer term, shall be as provided in this
13 subsection.

14 (a) At the University of Washington and Washington State
15 University:

16 (i) For resident undergraduate students and other resident students
17 not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading to the
18 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
19 veterinary medicine, two thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars;

20 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate students and other nonresident
21 students not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading
22 to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and
23 doctor of veterinary medicine, nine thousand four hundred ninety-one
24 dollars;

25 (iii) For resident graduate and law students not enrolled in
26 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
27 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, four thousand six hundred
28 sixty-nine dollars;

29 (iv) For nonresident graduate and law students not enrolled in
30 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
31 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, twelve thousand one hundred
32 dollars;

33 (v) For resident students enrolled in programs leading to the
34 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
35 veterinary medicine, seven thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars;
36 and

37 (vi) For nonresident students enrolled in programs leading to the
38 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
39 veterinary medicine, twenty thousand two hundred nine dollars.

1 (b) At the regional universities and The Evergreen State College:

2 (i) For resident undergraduate and all other resident students not
3 in graduate study programs, two thousand one hundred twenty-seven
4 dollars;

5 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate and all other nonresident
6 students not in graduate study programs, eight thousand three hundred
7 twelve dollars;

8 (iii) For resident graduate students, three thousand five hundred
9 eighty-one dollars; and

10 (iv) For nonresident graduate students, eleven thousand five
11 hundred fourteen dollars.

12 (c) At the community colleges:

13 (i) For resident students, one thousand two hundred sixty-one
14 dollars; and

15 (ii) For nonresident students, five thousand three hundred sixty-
16 nine dollars and fifty cents.

17 ~~((4))~~ (5) For the 1997-98 academic year and thereafter, the
18 tuition fee rates specified in subsection (4) of this section shall be
19 adjusted to reflect the forecasted annual change in state personal per
20 capita income or four percent, whichever is the lower amount. Annually
21 by December 15th, the higher education coordinating board shall
22 calculate tuition fee rates for the following academic year and
23 forecast the tuition fee rates for the next succeeding academic year,
24 based on the current tuition rates and the forecasted annual percentage
25 change in state personal per capita income during the fiscal year in
26 which the academic year begins, as determined by the economic and
27 revenue forecast council under chapter 82.33 RCW.

28 (6) Tuition fee rates established under subsection (5) of this
29 section may be adjusted in the state omnibus appropriations act based
30 on requests from the boards of regents at the University of Washington
31 or Washington State University, the boards of trustees at the regional
32 universities or The Evergreen State College, or the state board for
33 community and technical colleges. In considering rate adjustments, the
34 legislature shall adopt or deny each institution's package of tuition
35 rate adjustments in its entirety. Any adjustments adopted under this
36 subsection are subject to the limitations established by subsection (2)
37 of this section.

1 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
2 to high school students enrolling in community colleges under RCW
3 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.395.

4 **ENROLLMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.776 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 It is the policy of the state of Washington that (~~(the essential~~
8 ~~requirements level budget calculation)~~) state appropriations for
9 institutions of higher education include (~~(enrollment levels)~~) state
10 funding necessary to (~~(maintain, by educational sector, the~~
11 ~~participation rate funded in the 1993 fiscal year. The participation~~
12 ~~rate shall be based on the state's estimated population ages seventeen~~
13 ~~and above by appropriate age groups)~~) support official forecasts of
14 enrollment levels in the state's institutions of higher education.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.778 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 3 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Consistent with RCW 28B.10.776, it is the policy of the state of
18 Washington that(~~(, for new enrollments provided under RCW 28B.10.776,~~
19 ~~the essential requirements level budget calculation for those~~
20 ~~enrollments shall, each biennium)~~ the state appropriations act shall,
21 at a minimum, include a funding level (~~(per full-time equivalent~~
22 ~~student that is equal to the rate assumed in the omnibus appropriations~~
23 ~~act for the last fiscal year of the previous biennium for the~~
24 ~~instructional, primary support, and library programs, plus an inflation~~
25 ~~factor. The inflation factor should be equivalent to the inflation~~
26 ~~factor used to calculate basic education in the common school system~~
27 ~~budget request submitted by the governor)~~ for the state's institutions
28 of higher education, in the manner provided in this section.

29 (1) By November 1st of each year, the office of financial
30 management shall certify to the higher education coordinating board,
31 the state board for community and technical colleges, and the
32 appropriate fiscal and higher education committees of the legislature
33 the student enrollments for the current academic year at the state's
34 institutions of higher education and the official enrollment forecast
35 for each of the two succeeding academic years. The enrollment

1 forecasts shall be based on the most recently available projections of
2 state population and higher education participation rates.

3 (2) By December 1st of each year, the higher education coordinating
4 board shall determine for the institutions of higher education the cost
5 of any incremental increase in enrollment levels for the next fiscal
6 year as forecast by the office of financial management under subsection
7 (1) of this section. The cost determination shall be based on the
8 undergraduate and graduate educational costs determined by the board
9 under RCW 28B.15.070. The costs for the enrollment increases shall be
10 certified by the board to the office of financial management and the
11 appropriate higher education and fiscal committees of the legislature.

12 (3) The legislative appropriations to the institutions of higher
13 education shall include the costs certified by the higher education
14 coordinating board as necessary to fund the enrollment levels
15 forecasted under subsection (1) of this section. For each fiscal year
16 after July 1, 1998, ten percent of the incremental amount appropriated
17 for any increased enrollment at each institution of higher education
18 shall not be expended by the institution of higher education until the
19 higher education coordinating board has certified that the institution
20 has achieved the measures of accountability and efficiency established
21 by the board under subsection (4) of this section.

22 (4) To ensure that the state's commitment of financial resources to
23 higher education will result in effective and efficient expenditures,
24 the higher education coordinating board shall develop measurable
25 standards of higher education accountability and efficiency by January
26 1, 1998. The standards shall be consistent with the board's
27 comprehensive master plan under RCW 28B.80.330 and shall be adopted in
28 consultation with the institutions of higher education, the state board
29 for community and technical colleges, the appropriate higher education
30 and fiscal committees of the legislature, representative student
31 organizations, and other interested parties. The standards shall
32 include measures of student educational progression, faculty
33 productivity, administrative efficiency, student outcomes, and other
34 educational goals. After adoption by the higher education coordinating
35 board, the standards may be periodically revised and shall constitute
36 state higher education policy unless legislation is enacted to alter
37 the standards adopted by the board.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.10.784 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 6 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The participation rate used to calculate enrollment levels under
4 RCW 28B.10.776 and ~~((28B.10.782))~~ 28B.10.778 shall be based on fall
5 enrollment reported in the higher education enrollment report as
6 maintained by the office of financial management, fall enrollment as
7 reported in the management information system of the state board for
8 community and technical colleges, and the corresponding fall population
9 forecast by the office of financial management. Formal estimates of
10 the state participation rates and enrollment levels necessary to
11 fulfill the requirements of RCW 28B.10.776 and ~~((28B.10.782))~~
12 28B.10.778 shall be determined by the office of financial management as
13 part of its responsibility to develop and maintain student enrollment
14 forecasts for colleges and universities under RCW 43.62.050. Formal
15 estimates of the state participation rates and enrollment levels
16 required by this section shall be based on procedures and standards
17 established by a technical work group consisting of staff from the
18 higher education coordinating board, the public four-year institutions
19 of higher education, the state board for community and technical
20 colleges, the fiscal and higher education committees of the house of
21 representatives and the senate, and the office of financial management.
22 Formal estimates of the state participation rates and enrollment levels
23 required by this section shall be submitted to the fiscal committees of
24 the house of representatives and senate on or before November ~~((15th))~~
25 1st of each ~~((even-numbered))~~ year. ~~((The higher education~~
26 ~~coordinating board shall periodically review the enrollment goals set~~
27 ~~forth in RCW 28B.10.776 and 28B.10.782 and submit recommendations~~
28 ~~concerning modification of these goals to the governor and to the~~
29 ~~higher education committees of the house of representatives and the~~
30 ~~senate.))~~

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
32 repealed:

- 33 (1) RCW 28B.10.780 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 4;
- 34 (2) RCW 28B.10.782 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 5;
- 35 (3) RCW 28B.10.786 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 7;
- 36 (4) RCW 28B.15.065 and 1977 ex.s. c 322 s 6; and
- 37 (5) RCW 28B.80.500 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 7 s 2.

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MISCELLANEOUS

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** PART HEADINGS NOT LAW. Part headings used
3 in this act are not any part of the law.

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