
HOUSE BILL 2061

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education, but only with respect to
2 tuition and fees at community colleges and residency requirements;
3 amending RCW 28B.15.100; creating new sections; and providing an
4 expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that access to
7 the state's community and technical colleges is critical for many
8 residents who desire to obtain a higher education. The legislature
9 recognizes that the current laws regarding residency impact community
10 and technical colleges as well as public four-year institutions of
11 higher education. Furthermore, a more mobile work force and the
12 advancements of distance learning are two elements that are imparted by
13 the state's current residency laws as they pertain to tuition at public
14 two-year and four-year institutions of higher education. Therefore,
15 the legislature intends to examine residency requirements for public
16 institutions of higher education thoroughly.

17 The legislature also recognizes that certain tuition policies may
18 have an adverse impact on the unique role of community and technical
19 colleges.

20 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to eliminate
21 impediments to the ability of community and technical colleges to meet
22 the diverse needs of students and business interests.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A committee shall be appointed to
2 examine residency requirements for out-of-state tuition. The committee
3 shall consist of: Representatives from the state board for community
4 and technical colleges, the office of financial management, the higher
5 education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions of higher
6 education.

7 (2) The study shall include, but not be limited to:

8 (a) The impact the state's laws for in-state and out-of-state
9 tuition setting has on economic development within the state; and

10 (b) How the state's residency requirements should be applied to
11 enrollment in distance learning courses.

12 (3) The study committee shall provide a final report to the senate
13 and house of representatives committees on higher education by December
14 1, 1999.

15 (4) This section expires December 31, 1999.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.100 and 1998 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
19 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
20 shall charge to and collect from each of the students registering at
21 the particular institution for any quarter or semester such tuition
22 fees and services and activities fees, and other fees as such board
23 shall in its discretion determine. The total of all fees shall be
24 rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount: PROVIDED, That such
25 tuition fees for other than the summer term shall be in the amounts for
26 the respective institutions as otherwise set forth in RCW 28B.15.067.

27 (2) Part-time students shall be charged tuition and services and
28 activities fees proportionate to full-time student rates established
29 for residents and nonresidents: PROVIDED, That except for students
30 registered at community colleges, students registered for fewer than
31 two credit hours shall be charged tuition and services and activities
32 fees at the rate established for two credit hours: PROVIDED FURTHER,
33 That, subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, residents of Idaho
34 or Oregon who are enrolled in community college district number twenty
35 for six or fewer credits during any quarter or semester may be exempted
36 from payment of all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees
37 differential upon a declaration by the higher education coordinating
38 board that it finds Washington residents from the community college

1 district are afforded substantially equivalent treatment by such other
2 states.

3 (3) Full-time students registered for more than eighteen credit
4 hours shall be charged an additional operating fee for each credit hour
5 in excess of eighteen hours at the applicable established per credit
6 hour tuition fee rate for part-time students: PROVIDED, That, subject
7 to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state
8 universities and the community colleges may exempt all or a portion of
9 the additional charge, for students who are registered exclusively in
10 first professional programs in medicine, dental medicine, veterinary
11 medicine, doctor of pharmacy, or law, or who are registered exclusively
12 in required courses in vocational preparatory programs.

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