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1 AN ACT Relating to waiving all or part of the tuition, services,
2 and activities fees at institutions of higher education; and amending
3 RCW 28B.15.558.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 1997 c 211 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
8 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
9 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities
10 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this
11 section and members of the Washington national guard. A program of
12 partially waiving tuition and fees shall be structured so that, if an
13 eligible person is required to pay any tuition and fees as a result of
14 enrolling in a certain number of hours or classes, the amount of the
15 tuition and fees that are paid is equal to the normal tuition and fees
16 that would be paid for the hours or classes, less the maximum amount of
17 tuition and fees that may be waived. The enrollment of these persons
18 is pursuant to the following conditions:

1 (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on
2 a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created as
3 a result of the registration;

4 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this
5 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
6 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,
7 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that
8 would affect budgetary determinations; and

9 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be charged
10 a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

11 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means
12 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following
13 employee classifications:

14 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06
15 RCW;

16 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to
17 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

18 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
19 employees of technical colleges; and

20 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and
21 administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined
22 in RCW 28B.10.016.

23 (3) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
24 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
25 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
26 institution.

27 (4) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority
28 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state
29 employees and members of the Washington national guard in the pool of
30 persons eligible to participate in the program.

31 (5) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of
32 higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and
33 employees who are employed half-time or more.

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