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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6297**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Shin, McAuliffe, Sheahan and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to graduate student assistants' tuition exemptions;  
2 amending RCW 28B.15.014 and 28B.15.615; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the valuable  
5 contributions made by students with graduate service appointments to  
6 the quality of education provided to the citizens of the state of  
7 Washington. The legislature further recognizes the hard work and  
8 dedication to scholarship of these students in their many hours of  
9 service to the teaching and research mission of the public four-year  
10 institutions. It is the intent of the legislature to provide flexible  
11 opportunities for students with graduate service appointments to  
12 receive tuition and fees waivers for less than full-time appointments  
13 and for those less than full-time appointments to be provided with the  
14 assurance that less than full-time appointments will not have a higher  
15 work load level expected of them than what their contract specifies.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.014 and 1997 c 433 s 3 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

1 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards  
2 of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen  
3 State College, and the community colleges may exempt the following  
4 nonresidents from paying all or a portion of the nonresident tuition  
5 fees differential:

6 (1) Any person who resides in the state of Washington and who holds  
7 a graduate service appointment designated as such by a public  
8 institution of higher education or is employed for an academic  
9 department in support of the instructional or research programs  
10 involving not less than (~~twenty~~) ten hours per week during the term  
11 such person shall hold such appointment.

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

16 (3) Active-duty military personnel stationed in the state of  
17 Washington.

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

22 (5) Any dependent of a member of the United States congress  
23 representing the state of Washington.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.615 and 1996 c 142 s 3 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards  
27 of the state universities and the regional universities may exempt the  
28 following students from paying all or a portion of the resident  
29 operating fee and the technology fee: (~~Students granted a graduate  
30 service appointment, designated as such by the institution, involving  
31 not less than twenty hours of work per week. The exemption shall be  
32 for the term of the appointment~~) Any person who resides in the state  
33 of Washington and who holds a graduate service appointment designated  
34 as such by a public institution of higher education or is employed by  
35 an academic department in support of the instructional or research

- 1 programs involving not less than ten hours per week during the term the
- 2 person holds the appointment.

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