
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5135

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Carlson, Kohl-Welles, West, Horn, Schmidt and Rossi)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increased tuition fees and fees for excess
2 credits taken at institutions of higher education; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) For the purposes of this section, "cost of instruction" means
8 the average instructional support in state general funds and operating
9 fees per full-time equivalent undergraduate, at each respective
10 institution for the prior academic year, as disclosed by the higher
11 education coordinating board under RCW 28B.10.044.

12 (2) Credits earned through advance placement programs shall not be
13 applied to the total accumulated for the purposes of this section.

14 (3) For resident undergraduate students who have accumulated more
15 than one hundred twenty-five percent of the number of credits required
16 to complete their respective baccalaureate degree at a state
17 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College,
18 tuition fees shall equal a sum not less than the cost of instruction.

1 (4) For nonresident undergraduate students who have accumulated
2 more than one hundred twenty-five percent of the number of credits
3 required to complete their respective baccalaureate degree at a state
4 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College,
5 tuition fees shall equal a sum not less than twice the cost of
6 instruction.

7 (5) It is presumed that increased tuition fees will apply to all
8 students described in subsections (3) and (4) of this section unless
9 the student presents to his or her registrar evidence that one or more
10 of the following exemptions apply:

11 (a) The student is a dislocated worker as defined by RCW 50.04.075
12 or a person engaging in a job training program under the purview of the
13 work force training and education coordinating board;

14 (b) The student participates in the border county higher education
15 opportunity project under RCW 28B.80.806;

16 (c) The student is a certificated teacher of the K-12 school system
17 pursuing continuing education credits according to certification
18 requirements;

19 (d) The student has not been enrolled in an institution of higher
20 education during the preceding five years.

21 (6)(a) A registrar's fee not greater than seventy-five dollars may
22 be assessed of undergraduate students enrolled at state universities,
23 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College to support the
24 requirements of this section.

25 (b) A registrar's fee not greater than forty dollars may be
26 assessed of students enrolled at state community and technical colleges
27 to support the requirements of this section.

28 (c) Registrar's fees under (a) and (b) of this subsection shall be
29 assessed on a one-time basis by each institution of higher education
30 and adjusted for students enrolled on less than a full-time basis.
31 These fees may, in combination, be adjusted for a student offered dual
32 admission to state institutions of higher education.

33 (7) Students who believe they are under extraordinary or unforeseen
34 academic or personal circumstances or were unable to complete their
35 baccalaureate degree program within the number of credits specified due
36 to institutional constraints may petition the higher education
37 coordinating board for a special waiver from the tuition provision of
38 subsections (3) and (4) of this section. The board shall create a

1 process through which student petitions may be fairly processed, heard,
2 and determined. The process shall include a one hundred dollar
3 administrative fee, half of which shall be refunded for those students
4 who make a successful petition.

5 (8) The general fund--state appropriation to an institution of
6 higher education may not be reduced by the additional amount of
7 operating fees revenue collected as a result of this section.

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