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1 AN ACT Relating to creating opportunities for students to earn a
2 meaningful high school diploma through college and career readiness
3 centers; amending RCW 28B.15.520 and 28B.15.067; adding a new section
4 to chapter 28A.230 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and
5 creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the goal of
8 Washington's education reform is for all students to meet rigorous
9 academic standards so that they are prepared for success in college,
10 work, and life. The knowledge and skills needed for high school
11 graduates to be successful in today's technology-driven workplace are
12 no less than the knowledge and skills students need to complete entry-
13 level college coursework, particularly in English and mathematics. A
14 clear target is needed for students, parents, and educators as to the
15 purpose and expectations of today's high school diploma.

16 (2) The legislature further finds that some students will take
17 longer to meet the state's standards for high school graduation. Older
18 students who are not on track to graduate with their peers should be
19 provided an appropriate learning environment. The continued education

1 of these students remains the paramount duty of the state of Washington
2 until these students turn twenty-one or achieve a meaningful high
3 school diploma.

4 (3) Therefore the legislature intends to redefine the purpose and
5 expectations of the high school diploma and provide extended learning
6 opportunities through college and career readiness centers, funded
7 under the basic education act, for students not on track to graduate
8 from high school with their peers.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) For the purposes of this section and section 3 of this act,
12 "eligible student" means a student who is over age sixteen but less
13 than age twenty-one as of September 1st of the academic year the
14 student enrolls in the school district.

15 (2) School districts that enroll eligible students shall enter into
16 contracts with one or more community or technical colleges to deliver
17 courses or programs through college and career readiness centers as
18 provided under section 3 of this act to enable the students to obtain
19 a meaningful high school diploma. School districts shall report
20 eligible students who are attending college and career readiness
21 centers as district enrollment.

22 (3) An eligible student shall have the option to attend a college
23 or career readiness center or remain enrolled in a high school or other
24 school district program.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) In accordance with this section, each community or technical
28 college shall make available courses or a program of study designed to
29 enable eligible students over the age of sixteen but under the age of
30 twenty-one to complete their high school education and obtain a
31 meaningful high school diploma.

32 (2) Colleges shall enter into contracts with local school districts
33 to deliver the courses or programs under this section at college and
34 career readiness centers operated by the college at locations other
35 than the high school campus. Colleges shall be reimbursed for each
36 enrolled eligible student as provided in the contract.

1 (3) Courses or programs at college and career readiness centers
2 shall be available during the day, in the evenings, on weekends, and
3 during the summer months. The college shall attempt to accommodate
4 students who are working while they are attending the programs. The
5 instruction and curriculum offered shall be age-appropriate for the
6 adult learner.

7 (4) The high school diploma for an eligible student enrolled in a
8 college and career readiness center shall be issued by the local school
9 district based on the student's completion of all state and local
10 graduation requirements.

11 (5) Colleges shall not require eligible students enrolled in a
12 college and career readiness center to pay tuition or services and
13 activities fees, however this waiver of tuition and services and
14 activities fees shall be in effect only for those courses that lead to
15 a high school diploma.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.15.520 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 16 are each amended
17 to read as follows:

18 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
19 of the community colleges may:

20 (1) Waive all or a portion of tuition fees and services and
21 activities fees for:

22 (a) Students (~~nineteen~~) twenty-one years of age or older who are
23 eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW
24 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015 and who enroll in a course of study or
25 program which will enable them to finish their high school education
26 and obtain a high school diploma or certificate; and

27 (b) Children of any law enforcement officer or firefighter who lost
28 his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while
29 employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer
30 fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive
31 the waiver only if they begin their course of study at a community
32 college within ten years of their graduation from high school;

33 (2) Waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees
34 differential for:

35 (a) Nonresident students enrolled in a community college course of
36 study or program which will enable them to finish their high school
37 education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate but who are

1 not eligible for the program offered under section 3 of this act. The
2 waiver shall be in effect only for those courses which lead to a high
3 school diploma or certificate; and

4 (b) Up to forty percent of the students enrolled in the regional
5 education program for deaf students, subject to federal funding of such
6 program.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2006 c 161 s 6 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this
10 chapter.

11 (2) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the
12 2008-09 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition
13 fees for resident undergraduates shall be as provided in the omnibus
14 appropriations act.

15 (3) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the
16 2008-09 academic year, the governing boards of the state universities,
17 the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the state
18 board for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-
19 time tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates,
20 including summer school students and students in other self-supporting
21 degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time tuition fees may
22 exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or increases may be made
23 for all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, courses, or
24 students.

25 (4) Academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's
26 institutions of higher education beginning with 2009-10, other than
27 summer term, shall be as charged during the 2008-09 academic year
28 unless different rates are adopted by the legislature.

29 (5) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
30 to high school students enrolling in participating institutions of
31 higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

32 (6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
33 to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college
34 under RCW 28C.04.610.

35 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
36 to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college

1 under section 3 of this act for the purpose of obtaining a high school
2 diploma.

3 (8) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, the University
4 of Washington shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all
5 revenues received as a result of law school tuition increases beginning
6 in academic year 2000-01 through academic year 2008-09 to assist needy
7 low and middle income resident law students.

8 ~~((+8))~~ (9) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09,
9 institutions of higher education shall use an amount equivalent to ten
10 percent of all revenues received as a result of graduate academic
11 school tuition increases beginning in academic year 2003-04 through
12 academic year 2008-09 to assist needy low and middle-income resident
13 graduate academic students.

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