
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5806

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Shin, Berkey, Delvin, Murray and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education costs; adding new sections to
2 chapter 28B.15 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

6 TUITION--FUNDING LEVELS--LIMITATIONS. (1) Beginning with the
7 2007-08 academic year and ending with the 2016-17 academic year,
8 tuition fees charged to full-time resident undergraduate students may
9 increase no greater than seven percent over the previous academic year
10 in any institution of higher education. Annual reductions or increases
11 in full-time tuition fees for resident undergraduate students shall be
12 as provided in the omnibus appropriations act, within the seven percent
13 increase limit established in this section. To the extent that state
14 appropriations combined with tuition and fee revenues are insufficient
15 to achieve the total per-student funding goals established in
16 subsection (2) of this section, the legislature may revisit state
17 appropriations, authorized enrollment levels, and changes in tuition
18 fees for any given fiscal year.

1 (2) The state shall adopt as its goal total per-student funding
2 levels, from state appropriations plus tuition and fees, of at least
3 the sixtieth percentile of total per-student funding at similar public
4 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states. In
5 defining comparable per-student funding levels, the office of financial
6 management shall adjust for regional cost-of-living differences; for
7 differences in program offerings and in the relative mix of lower
8 division, upper division, and graduate students; and for accounting and
9 reporting differences among the comparison institutions. The office of
10 financial management shall develop a funding trajectory for each four-
11 year institution of higher education and for the community and
12 technical college system as a whole that when combined with tuition and
13 fees revenue allows the state to achieve its funding goal for each
14 four-year institution and the community and technical college system as
15 a whole no later than fiscal year 2017. The state shall not reduce
16 enrollment levels below fiscal year 2007 budgeted levels in order to
17 improve or alter the per-student funding amount at any four-year
18 institution of higher education or the community and technical college
19 system as a whole. The state recognizes that each four-year
20 institution of higher education and the community and technical college
21 system as a whole have different funding requirements to achieve
22 desired performance levels, and that increases to the total per-student
23 funding amount may need to exceed the minimum funding goal.

24 (3) By September 1st of each year beginning 2008, the office of
25 financial management shall report to the governor, the higher education
26 coordinating board, and appropriate committees of the legislature with
27 updated estimates of the total per-student funding level that
28 represents the sixtieth percentile of funding for comparable
29 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states, and
30 the progress toward that goal that was made for each of the public
31 institutions of higher education.

32 (4) As used in this section, "global challenge states" are the top
33 performing states on the new economy index published by the progressive
34 policy institute as of the effective date of this section. The new
35 economy index ranks states on indicators of their potential to compete
36 in the new economy. At least once every five years, the office of
37 financial management shall determine if changes to the list of global

1 challenge states are appropriate. The office of financial management
2 shall report its findings to the governor and the legislature.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 BILLING DISCLOSURES TO STUDENTS. In addition to the requirement in
6 RCW 28B.76.300(4), institutions of higher education shall disclose to
7 their undergraduate resident students on the tuition billing statement,
8 in dollar figures for a full-time equivalent student: (1) The full
9 cost of instruction, (2) the amount collected from student tuition and
10 fees, and (3) the difference between the amounts for the full cost of
11 instruction and the student tuition and fees, noting that the
12 difference between the cost and tuition was paid by state tax funds and
13 other moneys.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** CAPTIONS NOT LAW. Captions used in this act
15 are not any part of the law.

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