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By Senator Zarelli

1 On page 2, after line 28, insert the following:

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

6 (1) For the purposes of this section, "cost of instruction" means
7 the average instructional support in state general funds and operating
8 fees per full-time equivalent undergraduate, at each institution of
9 higher education for the prior academic year.

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

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

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

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

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

4 (b) The student participates in the border county higher education
5 opportunity project under RCW 28B.76.685;

6 (c) The student is a certificated teacher of the K-12 school
7 system pursuing continuing education credits according to
8 certification requirements; or

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

11 (6) Students who believe they are under extraordinary or
12 unforeseen academic or personal circumstances or were unable to
13 complete their baccalaureate degree program within the number of
14 credits specified due to institutional constraints may petition the
15 higher education coordinating board for a special waiver from the
16 tuition provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section. The
17 board shall create a process through which student petitions may be
18 fairly processed, heard, and determined. The process shall include a
19 one hundred dollar administrative fee. The entire amount of the fee
20 shall be refunded for those students who make a successful petition."

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26 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "fees;" strike the remainder
27 of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.15.067; and adding a new
28 section to chapter 28B.15 RCW."

EFFECT: Requires students at four-year institutions with greater than 125% of the credits needed to complete their baccalaureate degree to pay tuition equal to at least the full cost of instruction. An appeals process is provided for a waiver from this requirement.

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