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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition and fees waivers for K-12 classified  
2 staff; and amending RCW 28B.15.558.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 2007 c 461 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges  
8 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities  
9 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this  
10 section and teachers and other certificated instructional staff under  
11 subsection (3) of this section. The enrollment of these persons is  
12 pursuant to the following conditions:

13 (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on  
14 a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created as  
15 a result of the registration;

16 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this  
17 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment  
18 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,

1 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that  
2 would affect budgetary determinations; and

3 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be charged  
4 a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

5 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means  
6 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following  
7 employee classifications:

8 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06  
9 RCW;

10 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to  
11 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

12 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional  
13 employees of technical colleges; and

14 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and  
15 administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined  
16 in RCW 28B.10.016.

17 (3) The waivers available to state employees under this section  
18 shall also be available to teachers and other certificated  
19 instructional staff and K-12 classified staff employed at public common  
20 and vocational schools, holding or seeking a valid endorsement and  
21 assignment in a state-identified shortage area.

22 (4) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may  
23 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before  
24 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the  
25 institution.

26 (5) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority  
27 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state  
28 employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the  
29 program.

30 (6) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of  
31 higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and  
32 employees who are employed half-time or more.

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