
HOUSE BILL 1451

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By Representatives Haler and Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to global challenge state funding; and amending RCW
2 28B.15.068.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.068 and 2009 c 540 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year and ending with the
7 2016-17 academic year, tuition fees charged to full-time resident
8 undergraduate students, except in academic years 2009-10 and 2010-11,
9 may increase no greater than seven percent over the previous academic
10 year in any institution of higher education. Annual reductions or
11 increases in full-time tuition fees for resident undergraduate students
12 shall be as provided in the omnibus appropriations act, within the
13 seven percent increase limit established in this section. For academic
14 years 2009-10 and 2010-11 the omnibus appropriations act may provide
15 tuition increases greater than seven percent. ~~((To the extent that
16 state appropriations combined with tuition and fee revenues are
17 insufficient to achieve the total per student funding goals established
18 in subsection (2) of this section, the legislature may revisit state~~

1 ~~appropriations, authorized enrollment levels, and changes in tuition~~
2 ~~fees for any given fiscal year.)~~)

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

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

34 (4) ~~As used in this section, "global challenge states" are the top~~
35 ~~performing states on the new economy index published by the progressive~~
36 ~~policy institute as of July 22, 2007. The new economy index ranks~~
37 ~~states on indicators of their potential to compete in the new economy.~~
38 ~~At least once every five years, the office of financial management~~

1 ~~shall determine if changes to the list of global challenge states are~~
2 ~~appropriate. The office of financial management shall report its~~
3 ~~findings to the governor and the legislature.~~

4 (5)) During the 2009-10 and the 2010-11 academic years,
5 institutions of higher education shall include information on their
6 billing statements notifying students of tax credits available through
7 the American opportunity tax credit provided in the American recovery
8 and reinvestment act of 2009.

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