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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing transparency in community and
2 technical colleges by requiring certain budget detail to be available
3 online; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that transparency in
7 community and technical college budgeting is essential to maintaining
8 public trust in the community and technical college system. Such
9 transparency is not only an appropriate tool for monitoring future
10 community and technical college cost increases, it should also
11 enhance the understanding that community and technical colleges are
12 and must remain adequately accountable for student and taxpayer
13 dollars. Therefore, to ensure general accessibility to meaningful
14 budget information and to improve public confidence in the system,
15 the legislature intends to require that all local funds not
16 appropriated by the legislature to the community and technical
17 colleges be posted on the college board's web site. The legislature
18 intends that the college board use information that is already
19 public, so as to minimize the costs to the college board.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The college board shall post on its web site all nonstate
4 appropriated funds, which are called local funds and include revenue
5 from tuition, parking, rentals, parking lot fees, bookstore sales,
6 international student fees and tuition, and any other revenue-
7 generating fees and charges that are nonstate appropriated revenues.

8 (2) Each community and technical college shall supply budget
9 plans and budget expenditures to the college board within sixty days
10 of a community or technical college's adoption of its annual fiscal
11 budget plan and at the completion of its fiscal year budget. The use
12 of nonstate appropriated revenues must be clearly explicated in the
13 budget plans and expenditures. The college board is responsible for
14 obtaining the budget and spending data from each college and for
15 developing the format used to display the budget information online.

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