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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2825

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Frame, Zeiger, Walkinshaw, Stambaugh, Fitzgibbon, Haler, Tarleton, Pollet, Reykdal, McBride, Kagi, Kilduff, Morris, Ryu, and Stanford)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/16.

1 AN ACT Relating to student services for students with  
2 disabilities; creating new sections; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
6 retain individualized provisions of core services and accommodations  
7 at different institutions of higher education for students with  
8 disabilities while providing services to disabled students faster and  
9 more efficiently. The elimination of redundancy and streamlining of  
10 data gathering and sharing among institutions of higher education  
11 will ensure that students receive the services they need with minimal  
12 burden to the student.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The council of presidents shall  
14 convene a work group to develop a plan for removing obstacles for  
15 students with disabilities. The work group shall include:

16 (a) Representatives from the state board for community and  
17 technical colleges; the state college, regional universities, and  
18 state universities, each as defined in RCW 28B.10.016; the student  
19 achievement council; and statewide student associations; and

1 (b) At least two students with disabilities selected by statewide  
2 student associations.

3 (2) The plan shall focus on removing obstacles for students with  
4 disabilities transferring between institutions of higher education,  
5 including but not limited to: Standardizing medical documentation  
6 requirements, standardizing intake and review procedures, and  
7 developing best practices for institutions to provide outreach to and  
8 help prepare students for transmitting accommodations information and  
9 documentation to their next institution of higher education.

10 (3) The council of presidents shall provide the plan developed in  
11 subsection (2) of this section to the higher education committees of  
12 the legislature no later than December 31, 2016.

13 (4) This section expires August 1, 2017.

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