

HB 2820-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the Washington promise program to help make the first two years of college affordable and accessible to the state's citizens by offering a tuition waiver for eligible students enrolled in associate degree or certificate programs offered by the state's community and technical colleges.

Requires the office of student financial assistance to administer the program for resident students seeking an associate's degree or certificate from a community or technical college.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to develop a plan to provide all Washington promise program students who are enrolled at a community or technical college with a quarter-long student success course, during or before their first enrollment period, that teaches essential skills for college success.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the program.

Requires the caseload forecast council to forecast the number of students who are: (1) Eligible for the Washington promise program; and

(2) Expected to attend a community or technical college.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.