

SB 6481 - DIGEST

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.

Authorizes the state board for community and technical colleges, as well as individual community and technical colleges, to provide retention and completion programs, including financial support, academic guidance, and services that assist students in developing successful habits, designed to help students earn a degree or credential.

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

Revises the definition of "caseload," for purposes of the caseload forecast council, to include the number of students who are eligible for the Washington promise program and are expected to attend a community or technical college.