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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Leavitt, Caldier, Sutherland, Chopp, Lekanoff, Davis, Shewmake, Pollet, Ramos, Callan, Rule, Gregerson, Bateman, Harris-Talley, and J. Johnson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/21.

1 AN ACT Relating to expanding access to the homeless and foster
2 care college students pilot program; amending RCW 28B.50.916 and
3 28B.77.850; and providing expiration dates.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.916 and 2019 c 330 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the college board shall select ~~((four))~~ eight
9 college districts, ~~((two on each side of the crest of the Cascade~~
10 ~~mountain range,))~~ with no less than four located outside of the Puget
11 Sound region to participate in a pilot program to provide assistance
12 to students experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the
13 foster care system when they graduated high school. The college
14 districts chosen to participate in the pilot program must provide
15 certain accommodations to these students that may include, but are
16 not limited to, the following:

- 17 (a) Access to laundry facilities;
- 18 (b) Access to storage;
- 19 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;
- 20 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
- 21 (e) Access to technology;

1 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
2 especially during seasonal breaks; and

3 (g) Case management services.

4 (2) The college districts may also establish plans to develop
5 surplus property for affordable housing to accommodate the needs of
6 students experiencing homelessness and students who were in the
7 foster care system when they graduated high school.

8 (3) The college districts participating in the pilot program
9 shall leverage existing community resources by making available to
10 students in the pilot program information that is available for
11 individuals experiencing homelessness, including through not-for-
12 profit organizations, the local housing authority, and the department
13 of commerce's office of homeless youth.

14 (4) The college districts participating in the pilot program
15 shall provide a joint report to the appropriate committees of the
16 legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following
17 information:

18 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
19 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
20 system when they graduated high school who were attending a community
21 or technical college during the pilot program. The college board
22 shall coordinate with all of the community and technical colleges to
23 collect voluntary data on how many students experiencing homelessness
24 or food insecurity are attending the community and technical
25 colleges;

26 (b) The number of students assisted by the pilot program;

27 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
28 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

29 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
30 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
31 could be better served.

32 (5) The college districts not selected to participate in the
33 pilot program are:

34 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

35 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
36 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
37 participation status.

38 (6) The pilot program expires July 1, (~~2023~~) 2024.

39 (7) This section expires January 1, (~~2024~~) 2025.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.77.850 and 2019 c 330 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, the council shall select (~~((two))~~) four public four-
5 year institutions of higher education, (~~((one))~~) two on each side of
6 the crest of the Cascade mountain range, to participate in a pilot
7 program to provide assistance to students experiencing homelessness
8 and to students who were in the foster care system when they
9 graduated high school. The four-year institutions of higher education
10 chosen to participate in the pilot program must provide certain
11 accommodations to these students that may include, but are not
12 limited to, the following:

13 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

14 (b) Access to storage;

15 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;

16 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;

17 (e) Access to technology;

18 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
19 especially during seasonal breaks; and

20 (g) Case management services.

21 (2) The four-year institutions of higher education may also
22 establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable housing to
23 accommodate the needs of students experiencing homelessness and
24 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high
25 school.

26 (3) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
27 in the pilot program shall leverage existing community resources by
28 making available to students in the pilot program information that is
29 available for individuals experiencing homelessness, including
30 through not-for-profit organizations, the local housing authority,
31 and the department of commerce's office of homeless youth.

32 (4) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
33 in the pilot program shall provide a joint report to the appropriate
34 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at
35 least the following information:

36 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
37 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
38 system when they graduated high school who were attending a four-year
39 institution of higher education during the pilot program. The council
40 shall coordinate with all of the four-year institutions of higher

1 education to collect voluntary data on how many students experiencing
2 homelessness or food insecurity are attending the four-year
3 institutions of higher education;

4 (b) The number of students assisted by the pilot program;

5 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
6 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

7 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
8 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
9 could be better served.

10 (5) The four-year institutions of higher education not selected
11 to participate in the pilot program are:

12 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

13 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
14 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
15 participation status.

16 (6) The pilot program expires July 1, (~~2023~~) 2024.

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