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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Lekanoff, Chopp, Reed, Leavitt, Reeves, Eslick, Ortiz-Self, Ramel, Pollet, Macri, and Timmons)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the students experiencing
2 homelessness and foster youth pilot program; amending RCW 28B.50.916
3 and 28B.77.850; and creating a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.916 and 2021 c 62 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 eight college~~
9 ~~districts, with no less than four located outside of the Puget Sound~~
10 ~~region to participate in a pilot~~) each community and technical
11 college may implement a program to provide assistance to students
12 experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the foster care
13 system when they graduated high school. The (~~college districts~~
14 ~~chosen to participate in the pilot~~) program must provide certain
15 accommodations to these students that may include, but are not
16 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))~~ community and technical colleges
5 may also establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable
6 housing to accommodate the needs of students experiencing
7 homelessness and students who were in the foster care system when
8 they graduated high school.

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

16 (4) The ~~((college districts))~~ community and technical colleges
17 participating in the ~~((pilot))~~ program shall annually provide a joint
18 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature ~~((by))~~ in
19 accordance with RCW 43.01.036 beginning December 1, 2023, that
20 includes at least the following information:

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

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

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

32 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
33 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
34 could be better served.

35 (5) ~~((The college districts not selected to participate in the~~
36 ~~pilot program are:~~

37 ~~(a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and~~

38 ~~(b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program~~
39 ~~participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of~~
40 ~~participation status.~~

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

2 ~~(7) This section expires January 1, 2025))~~ For purposes of this
3 section, "program" means the students experiencing homelessness and
4 foster youth program.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.77.850 and 2021 c 62 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

18 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

19 (b) Access to storage;

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

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

22 (e) Access to technology;

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

25 (g) Case management services.

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

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

37 (4) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
38 in the ~~((pilot))~~ program shall annually provide a joint report to the
39 appropriate committees of the legislature ~~((by))~~ in accordance with

1 RCW 43.01.036 beginning December 1, 2023, that includes at least the
2 following information:

3 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
4 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
5 system when they graduated high school who ~~((were—attending))~~
6 attended a four-year institution of higher education during the
7 ~~((pilot))~~ program. The council shall coordinate with all of the four-
8 year institutions of higher education to collect voluntary data on
9 how many students experiencing homelessness or food insecurity are
10 attending the four-year institutions of higher education;

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

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

14 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
15 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
16 could be better served.

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

19 ~~(a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and~~

20 ~~(b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
21 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
22 participation status.~~

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

24 ~~(7) This section expires January 1, 2025))~~ For purposes of this
25 section, "program" means the students experiencing homelessness and
26 foster youth program.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of
28 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
29 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
30 act is null and void.

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