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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Trudeau, Nobles, Dhingra, Hunt, Lias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Pedersen, Saldaña, Valdez, and C. Wilson)

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

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))~~ community and technical
15 colleges participating in the 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;

1 (e) Access to technology;

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

4 (g) Case management services.

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

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

17 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
18 specific purpose, the college board shall administer a grant program
19 to provide grants to establish partnerships between community and
20 technical colleges and public housing authorities or nonprofit
21 community organizations to design and administer a subsidized housing
22 or housing voucher program for Washington college grant eligible
23 students. For the initial round of grants, priority must be given to
24 colleges and public housing authorities or nonprofit community
25 organizations that have previous experience partnering to administer
26 a housing voucher or subsidized housing program.

27 (5) The ~~((college districts participating in the pilot program))~~
28 community and technical colleges participating in the program shall
29 annually provide a joint report to the appropriate committees of the
30 legislature ~~((by))~~ in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 beginning
31 December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following information:

32 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
33 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
34 system when they graduated high school who ~~((were attending))~~
35 attended a community or technical college during the ~~((pilot))~~
36 program. The college board shall coordinate with all of the community
37 and technical colleges to collect voluntary data on how many students
38 experiencing homelessness or food insecurity are attending the
39 community and technical colleges;

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

1 (c) If participating in the grant program under subsection (4) of
2 this section:

3 (i) The design of the housing voucher or subsidized housing
4 program;

5 (ii) The number of students served;

6 (iii) The types of housing offered to students; and

7 (iv) The average out-of-pocket cost for housing for students in
8 the grant program.

9 (d) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
10 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

11 ~~((d))~~ (e) Legislative recommendations for how students
12 experiencing homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care
13 students could be better served.

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

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

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

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

21 ~~(7) This section expires January 1, 2025))~~ (6) For purposes of
22 this section, "program" means the students experiencing homelessness
23 and foster youth program.

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

26 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
27 specific purpose, ~~((the council shall select four public four-year~~
28 ~~institutions of higher education, two on each side of the crest of~~
29 ~~the Cascade mountain range, to participate in a pilot))~~ each public
30 four-year institution of higher education and the tribal college may
31 implement a program to provide assistance to students experiencing
32 homelessness and to students who were in the foster care system when
33 they graduated high school. The ~~((four-year institutions of higher~~
34 ~~education chosen to participate in the pilot))~~ program must provide
35 certain accommodations to these students that may include, but are
36 not limited to, the following:

37 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

38 (b) Access to storage;

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

- 1 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
2 (e) Access to technology;
3 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
4 especially during seasonal breaks; and
5 (g) Case management services.

6 (2) The four-year institutions of higher education and the tribal
7 college may also establish plans to develop surplus property for
8 affordable housing to accommodate the needs of students experiencing
9 homelessness and students who were in the foster care system when
10 they graduated high school.

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

18 (4) The four-year institutions of higher education and the tribal
19 college participating in the ~~((pilot))~~ program shall annually provide
20 a joint report to the appropriate committees of the legislature
21 ~~((by))~~ in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 beginning December 1, 2023,
22 that includes at least the following information:

23 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
24 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
25 system when they graduated high school who ~~((were—attending))~~
26 attended a four-year institution of higher education or the tribal
27 college during the ~~((pilot))~~ program. The council shall coordinate
28 with all of the four-year institutions of higher education and the
29 tribal college to collect voluntary data on how many students
30 experiencing homelessness or food insecurity are attending the four-
31 year institutions of higher education and the tribal college;

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

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

35 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
36 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
37 could be better served.

38 ~~((The four-year institutions of higher education not selected~~
39 ~~to participate in the pilot program are:~~

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

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

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

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

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