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## HOUSE BILL 1492

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**By** Representatives Salahuddin, Davis, Reed, Ramel, Ortiz-Self, Nance, Cortes, Fosse, Ryu, Scott, Pollet, and Simmons

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1     AN ACT Relating to early registration at institutions of higher
2 education for students with dependents; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5     NEW SECTION.  **Sec. 1.**  The legislature finds that students who
6 have dependents should have priority registration given their
7 demanding schedules and caregiving responsibilities. Giving students
8 with dependents early registration is just one way the legislature
9 can support families and students.

10     NEW SECTION.  **Sec. 2.**  A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
11 RCW to read as follows:
12     (1) Beginning in the 2025-26 academic year, institutions of
13 higher education that offer an early course registration period for
14 any segment of the student population must have a process in place to
15 offer students who have dependents early course registration as
16 follows:
17     (a) New students who have dependents and who have completed all
18 of their admission processes must be offered an early course
19 registration period; and

1    (b) Continuing and returning former students who have dependents
2    and who have met current enrollment requirements must be offered
3    early course registration among continuing students with the same
4    level of class standing or credit as determined by the attending
5    institution and according to institutional policies.
6    (2) For purposes of this section, "dependents" are: Children 18
7    years of age or younger who are under the registering student's care;
8    and persons who, because of physical or mental disability or because
9    of extreme advanced age, is dependent upon the registering student to
10   provide the basic necessities of life.

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