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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition stability; amending RCW 28B.15.066;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that by promising
5 students and families that tuition will not continue to increase while
6 a student earns an undergraduate degree, Washington's undergraduate
7 students and their families will have affordable, predictable, and
8 stable tuition. The legislature further finds that this tuition
9 promise will improve access to state institutions of higher education
10 by providing a strong economic incentive for students to complete a
11 degree within one hundred eighty credits.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The tuition fees under RCW 28B.15.067 shall not increase for
15 undergraduate resident students until the student has earned one
16 hundred eighty credits or has exceeded four consecutive years as a
17 full-time student or eight consecutive years as a part-time student.
18 Eligibility periods for part-time study shall be reduced by any periods

1 of full-time study. The tuition rate under RCW 28B.15.067 for
2 nonresident undergraduate students shall not exceed the rate in effect
3 on the first day of the academic year in which the student enrolled in
4 a state institution of higher education as a resident undergraduate
5 student.

6 (2) If a student transfers to another state institution of higher
7 education before the student has met the time or credit requirements
8 under subsection (1) of this section, the student shall not be charged
9 the tuition fees that exceed the tuition fees in effect for that
10 institution on the first day of the academic year when the student
11 enrolled as a resident undergraduate student in Washington.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.066 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 3 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

14 It is the intent of the legislature that:

15 In making appropriations from the state's general fund to
16 institutions of higher education, each appropriation shall conform to
17 the following:

18 (1) The appropriation shall be increased by any resident
19 undergraduate tuition increases authorized by the legislature but not
20 paid by students under section 2 of this act;

21 (2) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of
22 operating fees revenue estimated to be collected from students enrolled
23 at the state-funded enrollment level specified in the omnibus biennial
24 operating appropriations act;

25 ~~((+2))~~ (3) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of
26 operating fees revenue collected from students enrolled above the
27 state-funded level, but within the over-enrollment limitations,
28 specified in the omnibus biennial operating appropriations act; and

29 ~~((+3))~~ (4) The general fund state appropriation shall not be
30 reduced by the amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result
31 of waiving less operating fees revenue than the amounts authorized
32 under RCW 28B.15.910.

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