
SENATE BILL 5717

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By Senators Tom, Kilmer, White, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; amending RCW 28B.15.067,
2 28B.15.068, and 28B.76.270; adding new sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 82.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW; adding
5 a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B
6 RCW; and repealing RCW 28B.10.920, 28B.10.921, and 28B.10.922.

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

8 **PART I**
9 **GOALS**

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, the four-year
13 institutions of higher education, while maintaining quality, shall work
14 toward achieving the following initial degree completion targets by
15 2018:

16 (a) Increasing the number of bachelor's degrees earned by
17 Washington's resident students from the 2010 levels by at least six
18 thousand degrees completed or by twenty-seven percent;

1 (b) Consistent with the priority for growing the number of
2 enrollments and degrees in the fields of engineering, technology,
3 biotechnology, sciences, computer sciences, and mathematics, at least
4 two thousand of the additional degrees in (a) of this subsection would
5 be awarded in the areas of science, which includes the health sciences,
6 technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

7 (c) Attaining parity in degree attainment for students from
8 underrepresented groups, which would mean that at least nineteen
9 percent of the degrees awarded would include students who are low
10 income or are the first in their families to attend college.

11 (2) The bachelor degree completion targets in subsection (1) of
12 this section shall be updated by the higher education coordinating
13 board by September 1, 2012, and by September 1st every two years
14 thereafter based upon the state's changing population and economic
15 needs. Targets shall be set for five-year periods following the 2018
16 target.

17 **PART II**
18 **FUNDING**

19 **Sec. 201.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2010 c 20 s 7 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this
22 chapter.

23 (2)(a) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the
24 2012-13 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition
25 fees for resident undergraduates shall be as provided in the omnibus
26 appropriations act.

27 (b) Beginning with the 2013-14 academic year, reductions or
28 increases in full-time tuition fees for resident undergraduates at the
29 community and technical colleges shall be as provided in the omnibus
30 appropriations act.

31 (c) Beginning with the 2013-14 academic year, the governing boards
32 of the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen
33 State College may set tuition for resident undergraduates as follows:

34 (i) If state funding for a college or university falls below the
35 state funding provided in the operating budget for fiscal year 2011,

1 the governing board may increase tuition up to the limits set in (d) of
2 this subsection, reduce enrollments, or both;

3 (ii) If state funding for a college or university is at least at
4 the level of state funding provided in the operating budget for fiscal
5 year 2011, the governing board may increase tuition up to the limits
6 set in (d) of this subsection and shall continue to at least maintain
7 the actual enrollment levels for fiscal year 2011 or increase
8 enrollments as required in the omnibus appropriations act; and

9 (iii) If state funding is increased so that combined with tuition
10 the sixtieth percentile of the total per-student funding at similar
11 public institutions of higher education in the global challenge states
12 under RCW 28B.15.068 is exceeded, the governing board shall decrease
13 tuition by the amount needed for the total per-student funding to be at
14 the sixtieth percentile under RCW 28B.15.068.

15 (d) The amount of tuition set by the governing board for an
16 institution under this subsection (2) may not exceed the sixtieth
17 percentile of the tuition of similar public institutions of higher
18 education in the global challenge states.

19 ~~(3)(a) ((Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with~~
20 ~~the 2012-13 academic year,))~~ The governing boards of the state
21 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,
22 and the state board for community and technical colleges may reduce or
23 increase full-time tuition fees for all students other than resident
24 undergraduates, including summer school students and students in other
25 self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time
26 tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or
27 increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's programs,
28 campuses, courses, or students.

29 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,
30 the governing boards of the state universities, the regional
31 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with
32 existing student associations or organizations with student
33 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of
34 potential tuition increases. Governing boards shall be required to
35 provide data regarding the percentage of students receiving financial
36 aid, the sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of
37 attendance paid for by aid.

1 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,
2 each college in the state board for community and technical college
3 system shall consult with existing student associations or
4 organizations with undergraduate student representation regarding the
5 impacts of potential tuition increases. Colleges shall provide data
6 regarding the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the
7 sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid
8 for by aid.

9 ~~((4) ((Academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's
10 institutions of higher education beginning with 2015-16, other than
11 summer term, shall be as charged during the 2014-15 academic year
12 unless different rates are adopted by the legislature.~~

13 ~~(5))~~ The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not
14 apply to high school students enrolling in participating institutions
15 of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

16 ~~((6))~~ (5) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall
17 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout reengagement
18 program through an interlocal agreement between a school district and
19 a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100 through
20 28A.175.110.

21 ~~((7))~~ (6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall
22 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical
23 college participating in the pilot program under RCW 28B.50.534 for the
24 purpose of obtaining a high school diploma.

25 ~~((8) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, the
26 University of Washington shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent
27 of all revenues received as a result of law school tuition increases
28 beginning in academic year 2000-01 through academic year 2008-09 to
29 assist needy low and middle income resident law students.~~

30 ~~(9) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, institutions of
31 higher education shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all
32 revenues received as a result of graduate academic school tuition
33 increases beginning in academic year 2003-04 through academic year
34 2008-09 to assist needy low and middle income resident graduate
35 academic students.~~

36 ~~(10))~~ (7) Any tuition increases above seven percent shall fund
37 costs of instruction, library and student services, utilities and
38 maintenance, other costs related to instruction as well as

1 institutional financial aid. (~~Through 2010-11, any funding reductions~~
2 ~~to instruction, library and student services, utilities and maintenance~~
3 ~~and other costs related to instruction shall be proportionally less~~
4 ~~than other program areas including administration.~~)

5 **Sec. 202.** RCW 28B.15.068 and 2009 c 540 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) (~~Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year and ending with the~~
8 ~~2016-17 academic year,~~) Tuition fees charged to full-time resident
9 undergraduate students (~~, except in academic years 2009-10 and 2010-~~
10 ~~11,~~) may increase no greater than seven percent over the previous
11 academic year (~~(in any institution of higher education)~~) at community
12 and technical colleges. Annual reductions or increases in full-time
13 tuition fees for resident undergraduate students shall be as provided
14 in the omnibus appropriations act, within the seven percent increase
15 limit established in this section. (~~For academic years 2009-10 and~~
16 ~~2010-11 the omnibus appropriations act may provide tuition increases~~
17 ~~greater than seven percent.~~) To the extent that state appropriations
18 combined with tuition and fee revenues are insufficient to achieve the
19 total per-student funding goals established in subsection (2) of this
20 section, the legislature may revisit state appropriations, authorized
21 enrollment levels, and changes in tuition fees for any given fiscal
22 year.

23 (2) The state shall adopt as its goal total per-student funding
24 levels, from state appropriations plus tuition and fees, of at least
25 the sixtieth percentile of total per-student funding at similar public
26 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states. In
27 defining comparable per-student funding levels, the office of financial
28 management shall adjust for regional cost-of-living differences; for
29 differences in program offerings and in the relative mix of lower
30 division, upper division, and graduate students; and for accounting and
31 reporting differences among the comparison institutions. The office of
32 financial management shall develop a funding trajectory for each four-
33 year institution of higher education and for the community and
34 technical college system as a whole that when combined with tuition and
35 fees revenue allows the state to achieve its funding goal for each
36 four-year institution and the community and technical college system as
37 a whole no later than fiscal year 2017. (~~The state shall not reduce~~

1 ~~enrollment levels below fiscal year 2007 budgeted levels in order to~~
2 ~~improve or alter the per-student funding amount at any four-year~~
3 ~~institution of higher education or the community and technical college~~
4 ~~system as a whole.))~~ The state recognizes that each four-year
5 institution of higher education and the community and technical college
6 system as a whole have different funding requirements to achieve
7 desired performance levels, and that increases to the total per-student
8 funding amount may need to exceed the minimum funding goal.

9 (3) By September 1st of each year beginning in 2008, the office of
10 financial management shall report to the governor, the higher education
11 coordinating board, and appropriate committees of the legislature with
12 updated estimates of the total per-student funding level that
13 represents the sixtieth percentile of funding for comparable
14 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states, and
15 the progress toward that goal that was made for each of the public
16 institutions of higher education.

17 (4) By September 1st of each year beginning in 2011, the office of
18 financial management shall report to the governor, the higher education
19 coordinating board, the boards of regents or trustees of the four-year
20 institutions of higher education, and appropriate committees of the
21 legislature with updated estimates of the undergraduate resident
22 tuition that represents the sixtieth percentile of tuition for the
23 comparable institutions of higher education in the global challenge
24 states.

25 (5) As used in this section, "global challenge states" are the top
26 performing states on the new economy index published by the progressive
27 policy institute as of July 22, 2007. The new economy index ranks
28 states on indicators of their potential to compete in the new economy.
29 At least once every five years, the office of financial management
30 shall determine if changes to the list of global challenge states are
31 appropriate. The office of financial management shall report its
32 findings to the governor and the legislature.

33 (~~(5) During the 2009-10 and the 2010-11 academic years,~~) The
34 institutions of higher education shall include information on their
35 billing statements notifying students of available federal tax credits
36 (~~(available through the American opportunity tax credit provided in the~~
37 American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009)).

1 PART III

2 WASHINGTON PLEDGE SCHOLARSHIP

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** The Washington pledge scholarship program
4 is established. The purpose of the program is to create an endowed
5 scholarship program that will help low and middle-income Washington
6 residents earn an undergraduate college education at Washington's two
7 and four-year institutions of higher education. The goal is to create
8 an endowment of one billion dollars by 2021. The program shall be
9 designed for both students starting at a two-year institution of higher
10 education and intending to transfer to a four-year institution of
11 higher education and students starting at a four-year institution of
12 higher education.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** The definitions in this section apply
14 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

16 (2) "Resident student" means resident student as defined in RCW
17 28B.15.012.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303.** An eligible student is a student who:

19 (1) Is eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in
20 RCW 28B.15.012;

21 (2) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five percent
22 of the state median family at the time the student applies;

23 (3) Has declared the intention to earn a baccalaureate degree; and

24 (4) Is enrolled in an institution of higher education.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304.** The Washington pledge scholarship program
26 is created. The program shall be administered by the higher education
27 coordinating board. In administering the program, the board's powers
28 and duties include, but are not limited to:

29 (1) Selecting students to receive a scholarship and in making the
30 selection the board may establish an advisory committee;

31 (2) Adopting necessary rules and guidelines including, but not
32 limited to, setting the maximum amount of a scholarship;

33 (3) Publicizing the program;

34 (4) Accepting and depositing donations into the endowment fund
35 created in section 306 of this act;

1 (5) Requesting from the state investment board and accepting from
2 the state treasurer moneys earned from the endowment fund created in
3 section 306 of this act; and

4 (6) Soliciting and accepting grants and donations from public and
5 private sources for the program.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 305.** The board may award scholarships to
7 eligible students from moneys earned from the endowment fund created in
8 section 306 of this act, or from funds appropriated to the board for
9 this purpose. An eligible recipient may receive a Washington pledge
10 scholarship for the equivalent of up to one hundred eighty quarter
11 credits, or the semester equivalent. A student may receive a
12 scholarship for a maximum of five years. The length of the scholarship
13 shall be determined by the board. The amount of the award may vary,
14 but for an undergraduate student the amount of the scholarship may not
15 exceed the student's demonstrated financial need. In calculating a
16 student's need, the board must consider the student's costs for
17 tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, room, board, personal
18 expenses, and child care.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 306.** (1) The Washington pledge endowment fund
20 is created in the custody of the state treasurer. The investment of
21 the endowment fund shall be managed by the state investment board.

22 (2) Private donations for the Washington pledge endowment fund
23 shall be deposited into the endowment fund. Funds received from any
24 other source may be deposited in the fund. Private moneys received as
25 a gift subject to conditions may be deposited into the endowment fund
26 if the conditions are consistent with the goals in section 101 of this
27 act and do not otherwise violate state or federal law.

28 (3) At the request of the higher education coordinating board, the
29 state investment board shall release earnings from the endowment fund
30 to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall then release those
31 funds at the request of the higher education coordinating board for
32 scholarships. No appropriation is required for expenditures from the
33 endowment fund.

34 (4) The higher education coordinating board may disburse grants to
35 eligible students from the Washington pledge endowment fund. No
36 appropriation is required for expenditures from the endowment fund.

1 (5) When notified by court order that a condition attached to a
2 gift of private moneys from the Washington pledge endowment fund has
3 failed, the higher education coordinating board shall release those
4 moneys to the donors according to the terms of the conditional gift.

5 (6) The principal of the Washington pledge endowment fund may not
6 be invaded. The release of funds under subsection (5) of this section
7 shall not be considered an invasion of the principal.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 307.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) Subject to the limitations in this section, a credit is allowed
11 against the tax imposed under this chapter for contributions made by a
12 person to the Washington pledge endowment fund created in section 306
13 of this act. No credit may be claimed under this section for a
14 contribution if a credit has been claimed for that contribution under
15 section 308 of this act.

16 (2)(a) Credits may be earned under this section for contributions
17 made beginning July 1, 2011.

18 (b) The amount of the credit earned during a fiscal year is equal
19 to fifty percent of the taxpayer's total contribution during that
20 fiscal year.

21 (c)(i) Credits are earned on a first-come basis based on the time
22 a contribution is received as determined by the higher education
23 coordinating board. No credit may be earned under this section after
24 the earlier of June 30, 2021, or when one billion dollars in total
25 contributions have been received by the Washington pledge endowment
26 fund.

27 (ii) If a contribution to the Washington pledge endowment fund
28 causes the total contributions received by the Washington pledge
29 endowment fund to exceed one billion dollars, only that portion of the
30 contribution that causes the total contributions received by the
31 Washington pledge endowment fund to equal one billion dollars may be
32 considered a contribution for purposes of this section. The higher
33 education coordinating board must notify the department as soon as the
34 total contributions received by the Washington pledge endowment fund
35 reach one billion dollars.

36 (iii) For purposes of this subsection (2)(c) and subsection (9)(a)
37 of this section, "total contributions" means the cumulative amount of

1 all funds deposited into the Washington pledge endowment fund, from
2 whatever private or public sources, since July 1, 2011, as confirmed by
3 the higher education coordinating board.

4 (3) Credits earned under this section may only be claimed beginning
5 the later of January 1, 2014, or January 1st next following the end of
6 the fiscal year in which collections of state retail sales and use tax,
7 state business and occupation tax, and state public utility tax exceed,
8 by ten percent, the amounts collected from these tax sources in the
9 fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008, as determined by the department.
10 The department must post on its web site the date that credit may begin
11 to be claimed as prescribed in this subsection, at least sixty days
12 before such date. For purposes of this subsection (3), "state retail
13 sales and use tax" means the tax imposed in RCW 82.08.020(1) and the
14 tax imposed in RCW 82.12.020 at the rate provided in RCW 82.08.020(1).

15 (4)(a) Except as provided in this subsection, credits under this
16 section may only be claimed on a tax return filed electronically with
17 the department in a manner provided or approved by the department.
18 Amounts due on returns filed electronically as required by this
19 subsection must be paid electronically in a manner required or
20 authorized under RCW 82.32.080. Failure to comply with this subsection
21 does not result in the loss of the credit but will result in the
22 disallowance of the credit for the reporting period for which the
23 taxpayer failed to comply with this subsection. The department may
24 waive the electronic filing and payment requirements in this subsection
25 for the reasons provided in RCW 82.32.080(8).

26 (b) The amount of credit claimed for a reporting period may not
27 exceed the tax otherwise due under this chapter for that reporting
28 period.

29 (5) Credits are available on a first-come basis based on the time
30 a tax return is received by the department on which the credit is
31 claimed, regardless of when the credit was earned. The department must
32 disallow any credits, or portion thereof, that would cause the
33 cumulative amount of credits claimed under this section and section 308
34 of this act during any fiscal year to exceed fifty million dollars.

35 (6)(a) If credits are claimed in excess of the dollar limits in
36 subsection (2)(c)(ii) or (5) of this section, the department must
37 provide written notice to any person that has claimed tax credits in
38 excess of these limits. The notice must indicate the amount of tax due

1 and provide that the tax be paid within thirty days from the date of
2 such notice. The department may not assess penalties and interest as
3 provided in chapter 82.32 RCW on the amount of tax due if:

4 (i) The person would have otherwise been entitled to the credit if
5 not for the limit in either subsection (2)(c)(ii) or (5) of this
6 section; and

7 (ii) The amount due is paid by the due date specified in the
8 initial notice, or any extension granted by the department.

9 (b) RCW 82.32.135 applies to the notice required by (a) of this
10 subsection.

11 (7) Subject to subsection (10) of this section, unused credit may
12 be carried forward and claimed in subsequent tax years until used. No
13 refunds may be granted for any unused credits.

14 (8) No application is necessary for the tax credit provided by this
15 section. Persons claiming credit under this section must keep records
16 necessary for the department to verify eligibility under this section.

17 (9)(a) Annually, the higher education coordinating board must
18 provide the department with a list of contributors to the Washington
19 pledge endowment fund during the preceding fiscal year. The list must
20 include the following information about each contributor: The
21 contributor's name; unified business identifier number or department of
22 revenue tax registration number, if available; address; telephone
23 number; contact person; and the amount and date of the donation. The
24 list is due by September 1st of each year, beginning in 2012 and
25 continuing until the earlier of September 1, 2021, or September 1st
26 next following the fiscal year in which total contributions received by
27 the Washington pledge endowment fund reach one billion dollars.

28 (b) The higher education coordinating board must also provide the
29 department, upon request, any other information needed to verify claims
30 for credit under this section or section 308 of this act.

31 (10) No credit under this section may be claimed after June 30,
32 2023, including on any original or amended tax return filed after June
33 30, 2023, for a reporting period beginning before July 1, 2023.

34 (11) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
35 in this subsection apply throughout this section.

36 (a) "Contribution" means a monetary contribution.

37 (b) "Fiscal year" means the year beginning July 1st and ending the
38 following June 30th.

1 (e) Enrollment in remedial education: The number and percentage of
2 entering first-time undergraduate students who place into and enroll in
3 remedial mathematics, English, or both;

4 (f) Success beyond remedial education: The number and percentage
5 of entering first-time undergraduate students who complete entry
6 college-level math and English courses within the first two consecutive
7 academic years;

8 (g) Credit accumulation: The number and percentage of first-time
9 undergraduate students completing two quarters or one semester worth of
10 credit during their first academic year;

11 (h) Retention rates: The number and percentage of entering
12 undergraduate students who enroll consecutively from fall-to-spring and
13 fall-to-fall at an institution of higher education; and

14 (i) Course completion: The percentage of credit hours completed
15 out of those attempted during an academic year.

16 (3) Based on guidelines prepared by the board, each four-year
17 institution under section 403 of this act, and the state board for
18 community and technical colleges shall submit a biennial plan to
19 achieve measurable and specific improvements each academic year on
20 statewide and institution-specific performance measures. Plans shall
21 be submitted to the board along with the biennial budget requests from
22 the institutions and the state board for community and technical
23 colleges. Performance measures established for the community and
24 technical colleges shall reflect the role and mission of the colleges.

25 ~~((+3))~~ (4) The board shall approve biennial performance targets
26 for each four-year institution and for the community and technical
27 college system and shall review actual achievements annually. The
28 state board for community and technical colleges shall set biennial
29 performance targets for each college or district, where appropriate.

30 ~~((+4))~~ (5) The board shall submit a report on progress towards the
31 statewide goals, with recommendations for the ensuing biennium, to the
32 fiscal and higher education committees of the legislature along with
33 the board's biennial budget recommendations.

34 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The board, in collaboration with the four-year
35 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges,
36 shall periodically review and update the accountability monitoring and
37 reporting system.

1 (~~(6)~~) (7) The board shall develop measurable indicators and
2 benchmarks for its own performance regarding cost, quantity, quality,
3 and timeliness and including the performance of committees and advisory
4 groups convened under this chapter to accomplish such tasks as
5 improving transfer and articulation, improving articulation with the K-
6 12 education system, measuring educational costs, or developing data
7 protocols. The board shall submit its accountability plan to the
8 legislature concurrently with the biennial report on institution
9 progress.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 402.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.76
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 The board shall establish a baccalaureate degree incentive program.
13 To the extent funds are available, awards shall be made beginning with
14 the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The board shall design the program to
15 provide awards for four-year institutions of higher education based
16 upon each institution's individual performance improvement goals on a
17 set of measures. The measures will be designed by the education
18 research and data center. The baseline for each measure will be
19 determined collaboratively by the educational research and data center,
20 the council of presidents, and the higher education coordinating board.
21 The measures must include:

- 22 (1) The total number of undergraduate degrees completed;
23 (2) Increases in the number of degrees awarded in the physical and
24 health sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics;
25 (3) Increases in the retention of first-year students receiving
26 need-based assistance not including students who transfer to another
27 institution of higher education; and
28 (4) The number of excess credits taken beyond what is required to
29 earn a bachelor's degree.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 403.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 Each four-year institution of higher education must develop
33 specific action plans to reach the goals under section 101 of this act
34 and goals to improve cost-effectiveness and efficiency. The individual
35 institutions must develop their campus goals recognizing the role of
36 their campus as part of the system of public higher education. The

1 plan and the results shall be reported biennially to the governor, the
2 legislature, and the higher education coordinating board. Institutions
3 must report on innovations used to reach the targets, which may include
4 but not limited to:

5 (1) The innovative use of technology in instruction, particularly
6 for large introductory courses;

7 (2) Increasing administrative efficiencies among the institutions
8 and campuses;

9 (3) Eliminating underused majors and courses;

10 (4) Creating three-year bachelor degree programs;

11 (5) Increasing tuition for students taking credits beyond those
12 needed to earn a degree;

13 (6) Recognizing prior learning experiences based on competency
14 assessments; and

15 (7) Recognizing transfer credits, particularly credits earned in
16 academic programs at two-year and four-year institutions.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 404.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) A graduate of a community or technical college in this state
20 who has earned a transferrable associate of arts or sciences degree
21 when admitted to a four-year institution of higher education shall have
22 junior standing and shall be deemed to have met the lower division
23 general education requirements of that institution.

24 (2) A student who has earned the equivalent of ninety quarter
25 credit hours and has completed the general education requirements at
26 that four-year institution of higher education in Washington when
27 admitted to another four-year institution of higher education shall
28 have junior standing and shall be deemed to have met the lower division
29 general education requirements of the institution to which the student
30 transfers.

31 (3) The community and technical colleges, jointly with the four-
32 year institutions of higher education, must develop a list of academic
33 courses that are equivalent to one-year's worth of general education
34 credit and that would transfer for that purpose to any other two or
35 four-year institution of higher education. If a student completes one-
36 year's worth of general education credits, that student may be issued

1 a one-year academic completion certificate. This certificate shall be
2 accepted at any transferring two or four-year institution of higher
3 education.

4 (4) Each institution of higher education must develop a minimum of
5 one degree within the arts and sciences disciplines that can be
6 completed within the equivalent of ninety quarter upper division
7 credits by any student who enters an institution of higher education
8 with junior status and lower division general education requirements
9 completed.

10 (5) Each four-year institution of higher education must publish a
11 list of recommended courses for each academic major designed to help
12 students who are planning to transfer design their course of study.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 405.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Community and technical colleges must identify and publish in
16 their admissions materials the college level courses that are
17 recognized by all four-year institutions of higher education as
18 transferring to the four-year institutions of higher education.
19 Publication of the list of courses must be easily identified and
20 accessible on the college's web site.

21 (2) Community and technical colleges must create a list of courses
22 that satisfy the basic requirements, distribution requirements, and
23 approved electives for:

24 (a) A one-year academic completion certificate as provided for
25 under section 404 of this act; and

26 (b) A transferrable associate of arts or sciences degree as
27 provided for under section 404 of this act.

28 (3) To the extent possible, each community and technical college
29 must develop links between the lists in subsections (1) and (2) of this
30 section and its list of courses, and develop methods to encourage
31 students to check the lists in subsections (1) and (2) of this section
32 when the students are registering for courses.

33 **PART V**
34 **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** The following acts or parts of acts are
2 each repealed:

3 (1) RCW 28B.10.920 (Performance agreements--Generally) and 2008 c
4 160 s 2;

5 (2) RCW 28B.10.921 (Performance agreements--Contents) and 2008 c
6 160 s 3; and

7 (3) RCW 28B.10.922 (Performance agreements--State committee--
8 Development of final proposals--Implementation--Updates) and 2008 c 160
9 s 4.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** Sections 301 through 306 of this act
11 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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