

E2SSB 5764 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2019 c 406 s 21 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (~~As used in this chapter:~~) The definitions in this section
6 apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
7 otherwise.

8 (1) "Council" means the student achievement council.

9 (2) "Financial aid" means either loans, grants, or both, to
10 students who demonstrate financial need enrolled or accepted for
11 enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

12 (3) "Financial need" means a demonstrated financial inability to
13 bear the total cost of education as directed in rule by the office.

14 (4) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

15 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
16 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any
17 political subdivision thereof; or

18 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
19 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
20 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
21 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that
22 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW
23 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility
24 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an
25 institution operating in another state must be:

26 (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such
27 accrediting association;

28 (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting
29 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this
30 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
31 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
32 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty

1 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual
2 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;

3 (iii) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of
4 Washington as provided in RCW 28B.77.240; or

5 (iv) An approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW.

6 (5) "Maximum Washington college grant":

7 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of
8 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, is tuition and
9 estimated fees for fifteen quarter credit hours or the equivalent, as
10 determined by the office, including operating fees, building fees,
11 and services and activities fees.

12 (b) For students attending private four-year not-for-profit
13 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
14 academic year, is nine thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars and
15 may increase each year afterwards by no more than the tuition growth
16 factor.

17 (c) For students attending two-year private not-for-profit
18 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
19 academic year, is three thousand six hundred ninety-four dollars and
20 may increase each year afterwards by no more than the tuition growth
21 factor.

22 (d) For students attending four-year private for-profit
23 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
24 academic year, is eight thousand five hundred seventeen dollars and
25 may increase each year afterwards by no more than the tuition growth
26 factor.

27 (e) For students attending two-year private for-profit
28 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
29 academic year, is two thousand eight hundred twenty-three dollars and
30 may increase each year afterwards by no more than the tuition growth
31 factor.

32 (f) For students attending Western Governors University-
33 Washington, as established in RCW 28B.77.240, in the 2019-20 academic
34 year, is five thousand six hundred nineteen dollars and may increase
35 each year afterwards by no more than the tuition growth factor.

36 (g) For students attending approved apprenticeship programs,
37 beginning in the 2022-23 academic year, is ((tuition and fees, as
38 determined by the office, in addition to required program supplies
39 and equipment)) the same amount as the maximum Washington college
40 grant for students attending two-year institutions of higher

1 education as defined in (a) of this subsection to be used for tuition
2 and fees, program supplies and equipment, and other costs that
3 facilitate educational endeavors.

4 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

5 (7) "Tuition growth factor" means an increase of no more than the
6 average annual percentage growth rate of the median hourly wage for
7 Washington for the previous fourteen years as the wage is determined
8 by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to
10 remove barriers for students enrolled in a state registered
11 apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW to access the
12 Washington college grant.

13 (2) It is the goal of the legislature that students enrolled in
14 state registered apprenticeship programs and receiving related
15 supplemental instruction at a community and technical college have
16 access to the Washington college grant through the financial aid
17 office at their college. The Washington student achievement council
18 shall verify access to the Washington college grant for students
19 enrolled in state registered apprenticeship programs receiving their
20 related supplemental instruction other than at a community and
21 technical college.

22 (3) The state board for community and technical colleges must
23 fully implement this goal by the beginning of the 2025-26 academic
24 year.

25 (4) As part of the implementation process, the state board for
26 community and technical colleges must collaborate with the office of
27 student financial assistance, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030, to create
28 a student information technology interface to simplify the
29 application, verification of registration, eligibility, and award to
30 students.

31 (5) The state board for community and technical colleges and the
32 office of student financial assistance must establish data-sharing
33 agreements with other state agencies to verify student data.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The student achievement council shall
35 contract with the William D. Ruckelshaus Center to do the following:

36 (a) Evaluate paths to credentials for apprentices, including
37 recommendations on the requirements and benefits of expanding the
38 multioccupational trades degree, and exploration of other credentials

1 that will support transfer to baccalaureate degrees or other advanced
2 credentials for apprentices. This evaluation may include options for
3 instructional modality and analysis of the opportunities and
4 limitations for incorporating general education course requirements
5 into degree pathways for apprentices. The evaluation may also include
6 reviewing credit articulation within the college system, prior
7 learning assessments, and competency-based models, as applicable;

8 (b) Examine national best practices in delivery and award of
9 educational credentials to apprentices. This exploration may include
10 assessment of the governance structures and operational models for
11 delivery of apprenticeship degree pathways, including operational
12 considerations and costs associated with those models, and make
13 recommendations on the model or models best suited for implementation
14 in Washington with consideration on sustainably funding and growing
15 state registered apprenticeships in the future;

16 (c) Research apprentices' demand for degrees, for individuals in,
17 or who have completed, a state registered apprenticeship program;

18 (d) Review the current funding model for apprentices within the
19 community and technical college system, with consideration on the use
20 of state funds for apprenticeships, and national funding structures
21 for apprenticeship programs that could be applied within Washington
22 state. The center must consult with the Washington state
23 apprenticeship council established under chapter 49.04 RCW, the state
24 board for community and technical colleges, the associated general
25 contractors of Washington, the association of Washington business,
26 and any other relevant or impacted parties as needed to provide
27 recommendations to the legislature on a sustainable funding model for
28 related supplemental instruction and credit for apprentices through
29 the community and technical college system to ensure it fully covers
30 institutional and apprenticeship program costs of related
31 supplemental instruction. This funding model review may include
32 institutional costs of developing, administering, delivering,
33 hosting, instructing, and contracting. These recommendations must be
34 included in the annual report established in subsection (2) of this
35 section;

36 (e) Consult with the state board for community and technical
37 colleges, an organization representing the presidents of the public
38 four-year institutions of higher education, the office of the
39 superintendent of public instruction, the joint transfer council of
40 Washington, the department of labor and industries, the Washington

1 state labor council, the associated general contractors of
2 Washington, the association of Washington business, the Washington
3 building trades council, the student achievement council, the
4 independent colleges of Washington, private career colleges, an
5 accrediting body, career connect, and other stakeholders with
6 interests and expertise in apprenticeship training and higher
7 education mobility;

8 (f) Identify and remove barriers for apprentices to access the
9 Washington college grant program, established under RCW 28B.92.200,
10 and all other student services and support programs and resources.

11 (2) The student achievement council shall report annually by
12 December 1st, beginning in 2023, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
13 the William D. Ruckelshaus Center's progress, findings, and
14 recommendations to the appropriate higher education committees of the
15 legislature on the evaluations in subsection (1) of this section. The
16 annual report in 2026 shall provide viable policy options for degree
17 pathways for individuals who complete state registered apprenticeship
18 programs.

19 (3) The apprenticeship council, in consultation with the state
20 board for community and technical colleges, the student achievement
21 council, an organization representing the presidents of the public
22 four-year institutions of higher education, and any other relevant or
23 impacted parties as needed, shall explore whether the state should
24 establish an institution, or centralized program, for apprentices to
25 receive related supplemental instruction for credit towards a degree.
26 A report on their findings, with a recommendation, must be included
27 in the December 1, 2023, annual report established in subsection (2)
28 of this section.

29 (4) This section expires July 1, 2028.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** All institutions of higher education, as
31 defined in RCW 28B.10.016, must establish a policy for granting as
32 many credits as possible and appropriate, for related supplemental
33 instruction in active state apprenticeship programs, registered
34 during or before July 1, 2022, by the 2028-29 school year. For all
35 state registered apprenticeship programs approved after July 1, 2022,
36 all institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016,
37 must establish a policy for granting as many credits, as possible and
38 appropriate, for related supplemental instruction within six years of
39 the program's registration. While establishing credits, institutions

1 of higher education must consult with their faculty representatives.
2 Credits are at the sole discretion of each institution of higher
3 education and must be determined in consultation with their faculty
4 representatives. Credits established by institutions of higher
5 education are not intended to impact the possible revision of
6 previously approved related supplemental instruction in a state
7 registered apprenticeship program.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act
9 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of
11 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
12 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
13 act is null and void."

14 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds a null and void clause, making the bill null and
void unless funded in the budget.

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