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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlson, Jacobsen, Murray and Chopp)

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education fiscal matters; amending RCW
2 28B.15.031, 28B.15.535, 28B.15.540, 28B.15.380, 28B.15.543, 28B.15.545,
3 28B.15.556, 28B.15.600, 28B.15.615, and 28B.15.820; adding a new
4 section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The governing board of the University of Washington, upon the
9 agreement of its student government association, may establish and
10 charge to each enrolled student a technology fee, separate from tuition
11 fees. During the 1996-97 academic year, any technology fee shall not
12 exceed one hundred twenty dollars for a full-time student. Any
13 technology fee charged to a part-time student shall be calculated as a
14 pro rata share of the fee charged to a full-time student.

15 (2) Except for the requirements of subsection (5) of this section,
16 revenue from this fee shall be used exclusively for technology
17 resources for general student use.

18 (3) Only changes in the amount of the student technology fee agreed
19 upon by both the governing board and the student government association

1 shall be used to adjust the amount charged to students. Changes in the
2 amount charged to students, once implemented, become the basis for
3 future changes.

4 (4) The student technology fee shall not be subject to RCW
5 43.135.055, and may be increased in excess of the fiscal growth factor.

6 (5) The university shall deposit three and one-half percent of
7 revenues received from the technology fee into its institutional
8 financial aid fund under RCW 28B.15.820.

9 (6) As used in this section, "technology fee" is a fee charged to
10 students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing and
11 maintaining services to students that include, but need not be limited
12 to: Access to the internet and world wide web, e-mail, computer and
13 multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer software, and dial-
14 up telephone services.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.031 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 2 are each amended
16 to read as follows:

17 The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall include the
18 fees, other than building fees, charged all students registering at the
19 state's colleges and universities but shall not include fees for short
20 courses, self-supporting degree credit programs and courses, marine
21 station work, experimental station work, correspondence or extension
22 courses, and individual instruction and student deposits or rentals,
23 disciplinary and library fines, which colleges and universities shall
24 have the right to impose, laboratory, gymnasium, and health fees,
25 technology fees under section 1 of this act, and student activity fees,
26 or fees, charges, rentals, and other income derived from any or all
27 revenue producing lands, buildings and facilities of the colleges or
28 universities heretofore or hereafter acquired, constructed or
29 installed, including but not limited to income from rooms, dormitories,
30 dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing or student activity
31 buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or the appurtenances
32 thereon, or such other special fees as may be established by any
33 college or university board of trustees or regents from time to time.
34 All moneys received as operating fees at any institution of higher
35 education shall be deposited in a local account containing only
36 operating fees revenue and related interest: PROVIDED, That a minimum
37 of three and one-half percent of operating fees shall be retained by
38 the institutions(~~(, except the technical colleges,)~~) for the purposes

1 of RCW 28B.15.820. Local operating fee accounts shall not be subject
2 to appropriation by the legislature or allotment procedures under
3 chapter 43.88 RCW.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.535 and 1992 c 231 s 15 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
8 may waive all or a portion of the tuition (~~and~~), services and
9 activities fees, and technology fees for full-time employees of their
10 respective institutions of higher education enrolled in said
11 institutions' courses on a space available basis pursuant to the
12 following conditions:

13 (a) Employees shall register for and be enrolled in courses on a
14 space available basis, and no new course sections shall be created as
15 a direct result of such registration;

16 (b) Enrollment information on employees registered on a space
17 available basis shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
18 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,
19 nor shall persons enrolled pursuant to the provisions of this section
20 be considered in any enrollment statistics which would affect budgetary
21 determinations;

22 (c) Employees registering on a space available basis shall be
23 charged a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

24 (2) The governing boards of the respective colleges and
25 universities may waive all or a portion of tuition and services and
26 activities fees for full-time intercollegiate center for nursing
27 education, cooperative extension service, and agricultural research
28 employees of Washington State University for such employees stationed
29 off the Pullman, Whitman county campus: PROVIDED, That such waiver
30 complies with the conditions spelled out in subsection (1) (a), (b),
31 and (c) of this section.

32 (3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
33 universities, and The Evergreen State College and the state board for
34 community and technical colleges shall adopt guidelines for the
35 implementation of institutional employee waivers granted pursuant to
36 this section.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.15.540 and 1992 c 231 s 16 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Consistent with the regulations and procedures established by the
4 governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities,
5 and The Evergreen State College and the state board for community and
6 technical colleges, each institution may for Washington residents who
7 are sixty years of age or older:

8 (1) Waive, in whole or in part, the tuition (~~(and)~~), services and
9 activities fees, and technology fees for students who qualify under
10 this section and who are enrolled for credit, and

11 (2) Waive, in whole or in part, the tuition (~~(and)~~), services and
12 activities fees, and technology fees for students who qualify under
13 this section, but charge a nominal fee not to exceed five dollars per
14 quarter, or semester, as the case may be, for such students who are
15 enrolled on an audit basis: PROVIDED, That residents enrolling with
16 fee exemptions under this section shall register for not more than two
17 quarter or semester courses at one time on a space available basis, and
18 no new course sections shall be created as a direct result of such
19 registration: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such waivers shall not be
20 available to students who plan to use the course credits gained thereby
21 for increasing credentials or salary schedule increases: PROVIDED
22 FURTHER, That enrollment information concerning fee exemptions awarded
23 under this section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
24 information but shall not be included in official enrollment reports:
25 PROVIDED, That persons who enroll pursuant to provisions of this
26 section shall not be considered for any purpose in determining student-
27 teacher ratio, nor for any purpose relating to enrollment totals, nor
28 any other statistic which would affect budgetary determinations.
29 Persons enrolling under the provisions of this section shall have, in
30 equal with all other students, access to course counseling services and
31 shall be subject to all course prerequisite requirements.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.15.380 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 10 are each amended
33 to read as follows:

34 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
35 of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
36 State College may exempt the following students from the payment of all
37 or a portion of tuition fees (~~(and)~~), services and activities fees, and
38 technology fees:

1 (1) All veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005: PROVIDED, That such
2 persons are no longer entitled to federal vocational or educational
3 benefits conferred by virtue of their military service: AND PROVIDED
4 FURTHER, That if any such veterans have not resided in this state for
5 one year prior to registration, the board may exempt the student from
6 paying up to fifty percent of the nonresident tuition fees
7 differential. Such exemptions may be provided only to those persons
8 otherwise covered who were enrolled in universities on or before
9 October 1, 1977.

10 (2) Children of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter who
11 lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty
12 while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or
13 volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That such persons
14 may receive the exemption only if they begin their course of study at
15 a state-supported college or university within ten years of their
16 graduation from high school.

17 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.15.543 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 5 s 2 are each amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
20 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
21 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall waive tuition
22 (~~and~~), service and activities fees, and technology fees for students
23 named by the higher education coordinating board on or before June 30,
24 1994, as recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW
25 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150. The waivers shall be used only for
26 undergraduate studies. To qualify for the waiver, recipients shall
27 enter the college or university within three years of high school
28 graduation and maintain a minimum grade point average at the college or
29 university equivalent to 3.30. Students shall be eligible to receive
30 a maximum of twelve quarters or eight semesters of waivers and may
31 transfer among state-supported institutions of higher education during
32 that period and continue to have the tuition and services and
33 activities fees waived by the state-supported institution of higher
34 education that the student attends. Should the student's cumulative
35 grade point average fall below 3.30 during the first three quarters or
36 two semesters, that student may petition the higher education
37 coordinating board which shall have the authority to establish a

1 probationary period until such time as the student's grade point
2 average meets required standards.

3 (2) Students named by the higher education coordinating board after
4 June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW
5 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 shall be eligible to receive a grant
6 for undergraduate course work as authorized under RCW 28B.80.245.

7 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.15.545 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 7 are each amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
10 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
11 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall waive tuition
12 ~~((and))~~, services and activities fees, and technology fees for a
13 maximum of two years for those recipients of the Washington award for
14 vocational excellence established under RCW 28C.04.520 through
15 28C.04.540 who received their awards before June 30, 1994. Each
16 recipient shall not receive a waiver for more than six quarters or four
17 semesters. To qualify for the waiver, recipients shall enter the
18 college or university within three years of receiving the award. A
19 minimum grade point average at the college or university equivalent to
20 3.00, or an above-average rating at a technical college, shall be
21 required in the first year to qualify for the second-year waiver. The
22 tuition waiver shall be granted for undergraduate studies only.

23 (2) Students named by the work force training and education
24 coordinating board after June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington
25 award for vocational excellence under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.550
26 shall be eligible to receive a grant for undergraduate course work as
27 authorized under RCW 28B.80.272.

28 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.15.556 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 21 are each amended
29 to read as follows:

30 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
31 of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
32 State College may waive all or a portion of the tuition, ~~((and))~~
33 services and activities fees, and technology fees for undergraduate or
34 graduate students of foreign nations subject to the following
35 limitations:

1 (1) No more than the equivalent of one hundred waivers may be
2 awarded to undergraduate or graduate students of foreign nations at
3 each of the two state universities;

4 (2) No more than the equivalent of twenty waivers may be awarded to
5 undergraduate or graduate students of foreign nations at each of the
6 regional universities and The Evergreen State College;

7 (3) Priority in the awarding of waivers shall be given to students
8 on academic exchanges or academic special programs sponsored by
9 recognized international educational organizations; and

10 (4) An undergraduate or graduate student of a foreign nation
11 receiving a waiver under this section is not eligible for any other
12 waiver.

13 The waiver programs under this section, to the greatest extent
14 possible, shall promote reciprocal placements and waivers in foreign
15 nations for Washington residents. The number of waivers awarded by
16 each institution shall not exceed the number of that institution's own
17 students enrolled in approved study programs abroad during the same
18 period.

19 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.15.600 and 1995 c 36 s 1 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
22 universities, and The Evergreen State College may refund or cancel in
23 full the tuition (~~and~~), services and activities fees, and technology
24 fees if the student withdraws from a university or college course or
25 program prior to the sixth day of instruction of the quarter or
26 semester for which the fees have been paid or are due. If the student
27 withdraws on or after the sixth day of instruction, the governing
28 boards may refund or cancel up to one-half of the fees, provided such
29 withdrawal occurs within the first thirty calendar days following the
30 beginning of instruction. However, if a different policy is required
31 by federal law in order for the institution of higher education to
32 maintain eligibility for federal funding of programs, the governing
33 board may adopt a refund policy that meets the minimum requirements of
34 the federal law, and the policy may treat all students attending the
35 institution in the same manner.

36 The governing boards of the respective universities and college may
37 adopt rules for the refund of tuition and fees for courses or programs
38 that begin after the start of the regular quarter or semester. The

1 governing boards may adopt rules to comply with RCW 28B.15.623 and may
2 extend the refund or cancellation period for students who withdraw for
3 medical reasons or who are called into the military service of the
4 United States and may refund other fees pursuant to such rules as they
5 may prescribe.

6 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.15.615 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 23 are each amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
9 of the state universities and the regional universities may exempt the
10 following students from paying all or a portion of the resident
11 operating fee and technology fee: Students granted a graduate service
12 appointment, designated as such by the institution, involving not less
13 than twenty hours of work per week. The exemption shall be for the
14 term of the appointment. (~~The stipend paid to persons holding
15 graduate student appointments from nonstate funds shall be reduced and
16 the institution reimbursed from such funds in an amount equal to the
17 resident operating fee which funds shall be transmitted to the general
18 fund.~~)

19 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.15.820 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 10 are each
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (1) Each institution of higher education, including technical
22 colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of
23 revenues collected from tuition, technology fees, and services and
24 activities fees in an institutional financial aid fund that is hereby
25 created and which shall be held locally. Moneys in the fund shall be
26 used only for the following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-term
27 loans to eligible students as provided in subsections (3) through (8)
28 of this section; (b) to make short-term loans as provided in subsection
29 (9) of this section; or (c) to provide financial aid to needy students
30 as provided in subsection (10) of this section.

31 (2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3)
32 through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at
33 least six credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for resident
34 tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 through [and]
35 28B.15.013, and who is a "needy student" as defined in RCW 28B.10.802.

36 (3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this
37 section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the

1 student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions
2 which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan program
3 established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or hereafter
4 amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the Washington student
5 loan guaranty association or its successor agency. Institutions are
6 hereby granted full authority to operate as an eligible lender under
7 the guaranteed loan program.

8 (4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each institution
9 shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the loan based on
10 factors which include, but are not limited to, the student's
11 accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment
12 opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the
13 student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the
14 student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the
15 availability of other forms of financial aid.

16 (5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed
17 long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due
18 diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to
19 insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate
20 with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty
21 association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection of
22 guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the loans
23 is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term
24 loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved for
25 such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or
26 its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be permitted to
27 perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do so by the
28 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.
29 Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term loans made by
30 community colleges under subsection (1) of this section shall be
31 coordinated by the state board for community and technical colleges and
32 shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state board.

33 (6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other
34 subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are paid
35 by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3) through (8)
36 of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's financial aid
37 fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the guaranteed
38 long-term loans under this section and maintaining necessary records
39 and making collections under subsection (5) of this section: PROVIDED,

1 That such costs shall not exceed five percent of aggregate outstanding
2 loan principal. Institutions shall maintain accurate records of such
3 costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs, shall
4 be deposited in the institution's financial aid fund.

5 (7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
6 universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board for
7 community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community colleges
8 and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and
9 regulations to implement this section.

10 (8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under
11 this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally
12 have access to educational loans from private financial institutions in
13 Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary markets in
14 the support of loan consolidation.

15 (9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from the
16 institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the
17 institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known by
18 the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of any
19 outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if the
20 institution has ample evidence that the student has the capability of
21 repaying the loan within the time frame specified by the institution
22 for repayment.

23 (10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
24 that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used
25 by the institution for locally-administered financial aid programs for
26 needy students, such as need-based institutional employment programs or
27 need-based tuition and fee scholarship or grant programs. These funds
28 shall be used in addition to and not to replace institutional funds
29 that would otherwise support these locally-administered financial aid
30 programs. First priority in the use of these funds shall be given to
31 needy students who have accumulated excessive educational loan burdens.
32 An excessive educational loan burden is a burden that will be difficult
33 to repay given employment opportunities and average starting salaries
34 in the student's chosen fields of study. Second priority in the use of
35 these funds shall be given to needy single parents, to assist these
36 students with their educational expenses, including expenses associated
37 with child care and transportation.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** If any provision of this act or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
8 effect immediately.

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