
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5924

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Wood, Bauer, A. Anderson, Sheldon, Prince, Drew, Quigley, McAuliffe, Fairley and West)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increased tuition fees for excess credits taken
2 at institutions of higher education; and adding new sections to chapter
3 28B.15 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) For resident undergraduate students who have accumulated more
8 than one hundred fifteen percent of the number of credits required to
9 complete their respective baccalaureate degree programs at a state
10 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College,
11 tuition fees shall equal one hundred fifty percent of the standard
12 resident undergraduate tuition rate at each respective institution as
13 prescribed in this chapter.

14 (2) For nonresident undergraduate students who have accumulated
15 more than one hundred fifteen percent of the number of credits required
16 to complete their respective baccalaureate degree programs at a state
17 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College,
18 tuition fees shall equal one hundred fifty percent of the standard

1 nonresident undergraduate tuition rate at each respective institution
2 as prescribed in this chapter.

3 (3) The following exceptions apply to subsections (1) and (2) of
4 this section:

5 (a) Credits earned at private institutions of higher education in
6 the state of Washington, at public or private institutions of higher
7 education in other states, or through advanced placement programs shall
8 not be applied to the total accumulated for the purposes of this
9 section;

10 (b) For community college transfer students, credits earned at a
11 community college that are in excess of the credits necessary to
12 complete an associate degree shall not be applied to the total
13 accumulated for the purposes of this section;

14 (c) This section shall not apply to any dislocated worker as
15 defined by RCW 50.04.075 or to any person engaging in a job training
16 program under the purview of the work force training and education
17 coordinating board;

18 (d) This section shall not apply to students who are enrolled in
19 institutionally established double-degree programs;

20 (e) This section shall not apply to certificated teachers of the K-
21 12 school system who are pursuing continuing education credits
22 according to certification requirements;

23 (f) Any credits earned before the 1991-92 academic year shall not
24 be applied to the total accumulated for the purposes of this section.

25 (4) The total amount of tuition fees collected from each student
26 according to subsections (1) and (2) of this section that is in excess
27 of one hundred percent of the respective tuition fees in RCW 28B.15.202
28 and 28B.15.402 or successor tuition statutes shall be used for quality
29 enhancements that are of direct benefit to students. These quality
30 enhancements may include:

31 (a) Increased number of offerings per term of class sections of
32 required general education courses;

33 (b) Increased financial aid dollars available to qualified
34 students;

35 (c) Increased undergraduate enrollment; and

36 (d) Additional opportunities for students seeking a specific
37 vocational degree.

38 (5) Quality enhancements do not include dollars for faculty
39 salaries.

1 (6) Students who believe they are under extraordinary or unforeseen
2 academic or personal circumstances or were unable to complete their
3 baccalaureate degree program within the number of credits specified due
4 to institutional constraints may petition the institution for a special
5 waiver from the tuition provision of subsections (1) and (2) of this
6 section. The governing board of each institution shall create a
7 process through which student petitions may be fairly processed, heard,
8 and determined.

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

11 The general fund--state appropriation may not be reduced by the
12 amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result of section 1 of
13 this act.

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