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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 a new section to  
3 chapter 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.

1 (5) Quality enhancements do not include dollars for faculty  
2 salaries.

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