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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6002**

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bauer, Wood, Rinehart and Kohl; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

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1 AN ACT Relating to community and technical college tuition refunds  
2 or fee cancellations; amending RCW 28B.15.600; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 28B.15 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.600 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 22 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 The governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
8 universities, and The Evergreen State College(~~(, and the community~~  
9 ~~colleges))~~) may refund or cancel in full the tuition and services and  
10 activities fees if the student withdraws from a university or college  
11 course or program prior to the sixth day of instruction of the quarter  
12 or semester for which the fees have been paid or are due. If the  
13 student withdraws on or after the sixth day of instruction, the  
14 governing boards may refund or cancel up to one-half of the fees,  
15 provided such withdrawal occurs within the first thirty calendar days  
16 following the beginning of instruction. However, if a different policy  
17 is required by federal law in order for the institution of higher  
18 education to maintain eligibility for federal funding of programs, the  
19 governing board may adopt a refund policy that meets the minimum

1 requirements of the federal law, and the policy may treat all students  
2 attending the institution in the same manner.

3 The governing boards of the respective universities and  
4 college(~~s~~) may adopt rules for the refund of tuition and fees for  
5 courses or programs that begin after the start of the regular quarter  
6 or semester. The governing boards may adopt rules to comply with RCW  
7 28B.15.623 and may extend the refund or cancellation period for  
8 students who withdraw for medical reasons or who are called into the  
9 military service of the United States and may refund other fees  
10 pursuant to such rules as they may prescribe.

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

13 (1) The governing boards of the community colleges and technical  
14 colleges shall refund or cancel up to one hundred percent but no less  
15 than eighty percent of the tuition and services and activities fees if  
16 the student withdraws from a college course or program before the sixth  
17 day of instruction of the regular quarter for which the fees have been  
18 paid or are due. If the student withdraws on or after the sixth day of  
19 instruction, the governing boards shall refund or cancel up to fifty  
20 percent but no less than forty percent of the fees provided such  
21 withdrawal occurs within the first twenty calendar days following the  
22 beginning of instruction. However, if a different policy is required  
23 by federal law in order for the college to maintain eligibility for  
24 federal funding of programs, the governing board may adopt a refund  
25 policy that meets the minimum requirements of the federal law and the  
26 policy may treat all students attending the institution in the same  
27 manner.

28 (2) The governing boards of the respective community college or  
29 technical college shall adopt rules consistent with subsection (1) of  
30 this section for the refund of tuition and fees for the summer quarter  
31 and for courses or programs that begin after the start of the regular  
32 quarter.

33 (3) The governing boards of community colleges and technical  
34 colleges may adopt rules to comply with RCW 28B.15.623 and may extend  
35 the refund or cancellation period for students who withdraw for medical  
36 reasons or who are called into the military service of the United  
37 States.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
4 effect immediately.

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