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SENATE BILL 6002

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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; and adding a new section  
3 to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

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

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

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