
SENATE BILL 6673

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1 AN ACT Relating to implementing section 605(7) of the 2015
2 operating budget and authorizing a baccalaureate of science degree at
3 Bellevue College; amending RCW 28B.50.140; reenacting and amending
4 RCW 28B.15.069; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW.

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.50
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 Subject to approval by the college board, the community or
9 technical colleges that have received funding in chapter 4, Laws of
10 2015 3rd sp. sess. to develop a bachelor degree program are
11 authorized to offer baccalaureate of science degrees in computer
12 science.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.069 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 5 and 2015 3rd
14 sp.s. c 4 s 945 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The building fee for each academic year shall be a percentage
16 of total tuition fees. This percentage shall be calculated by the
17 office of financial management and be based on the actual percentage
18 the building fee is of total tuition for each tuition category in the
19 1994-95 academic year, rounded up to the nearest half percent. After
20 October 9, 2015, the dollar value of the building fee shall not be

1 reduced below the level in the 2014-15 academic year adjusted for
2 inflation. As used in this subsection, "inflation" has the meaning in
3 RCW 28B.15.066(2).

4 (2) The governing boards of each institution of higher education
5 shall charge to and collect from each student a services and
6 activities fee. A governing board may increase the existing fee
7 annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set forth in RCW
8 28B.15.045, by a percentage not to exceed the annual percentage
9 increase in student tuition fees for resident undergraduate students:
10 PROVIDED, That such percentage increase shall not apply to that
11 portion of the services and activities fee previously committed to
12 the repayment of bonded debt. These rate adjustments may exceed the
13 fiscal growth factor. For the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, each
14 governing board is authorized to increase the services and activities
15 fees by amounts judged reasonable and necessary by the services and
16 activities fee committee and the governing board consistent with the
17 budgeting procedures set forth in RCW 28B.15.045. The services and
18 activities fee committee provided for in RCW 28B.15.045 may initiate
19 a request to the governing board for a fee increase.

20 (3) Tuition and services and activities fees consistent with
21 subsection (2) of this section shall be set by the state board for
22 community and technical colleges for community and technical college
23 summer school students unless the college charges fees in accordance
24 with RCW 28B.15.515.

25 (4) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, each governing
26 board of a community or technical college may charge such fees for
27 ungraded courses, noncredit courses, community services courses, and
28 self-supporting courses as it, in its discretion, may determine,
29 consistent with the rules of the state board for community and
30 technical colleges.

31 (5) The governing board of a college offering an applied
32 baccalaureate degree program under RCW 28B.50.810 or a bachelor
33 degree program described in section 1 of this act may charge tuition
34 fees for those courses above the associate degree level at rates
35 consistent with rules adopted by the state board for community and
36 technical colleges, not to exceed tuition fee rates at the regional
37 universities.

38 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.50.140 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 946 are each
39 amended to read as follows:

1 Each board of trustees:

2 (1) Shall operate all existing community and technical colleges
3 in its district;

4 (2) Shall create comprehensive programs of community and
5 technical college education and training and maintain an open-door
6 policy in accordance with the provisions of RCW 28B.50.090(3);

7 (3) Shall employ for a period to be fixed by the board a college
8 president for each community and technical college and, may appoint a
9 president for the district, and fix their duties and compensation,
10 which may include elements other than salary. Compensation under this
11 subsection shall not affect but may supplement retirement, health
12 care, and other benefits that are otherwise applicable to the
13 presidents as state employees. The board shall also employ for a
14 period to be fixed by the board members of the faculty and such other
15 administrative officers and other employees as may be necessary or
16 appropriate and fix their salaries and duties. Except for increments
17 provided with local resources during the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium,
18 compensation and salary increases under this subsection shall not
19 exceed the amount or percentage established for those purposes in the
20 state appropriations act by the legislature as allocated to the board
21 of trustees by the state board for community and technical colleges.
22 The state board for community and technical colleges shall adopt
23 rules defining the permissible elements of compensation under this
24 subsection;

25 (4) May establish, in accordance with RCW 28B.77.080, new
26 facilities as community needs and interests demand. However, the
27 authority of boards of trustees to purchase or lease major off-campus
28 facilities shall be subject to the approval of the student
29 achievement council pursuant to RCW 28B.77.080;

30 (5) May establish or lease, operate, equip and maintain
31 dormitories, food service facilities, bookstores and other self-
32 supporting facilities connected with the operation of the community
33 and technical college;

34 (6) May, with the approval of the college board, borrow money and
35 issue and sell revenue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness for
36 the construction, reconstruction, erection, equipping with permanent
37 fixtures, demolition and major alteration of buildings or other
38 capital assets, and the acquisition of sites, rights-of-way,
39 easements, improvements or appurtenances, for dormitories, food
40 service facilities, and other self-supporting facilities connected

1 with the operation of the community and technical college in
2 accordance with the provisions of RCW 28B.10.300 through 28B.10.330
3 where applicable;

4 (7) May establish fees and charges for the facilities authorized
5 hereunder, including reasonable rules and regulations for the
6 government thereof, not inconsistent with the rules of the college
7 board; each board of trustees operating a community and technical
8 college may enter into agreements, subject to rules of the college
9 board, with owners of facilities to be used for housing regarding the
10 management, operation, and government of such facilities, and any
11 board entering into such an agreement may:

12 (a) Make rules for the government, management and operation of
13 such housing facilities deemed necessary or advisable; and

14 (b) Employ necessary employees to govern, manage and operate the
15 same;

16 (8) May receive such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises and
17 bequests of real or personal property from private sources, as may be
18 made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the terms and
19 conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the community and
20 technical college programs as specified by law and the rules of the
21 state college board; sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the
22 same or the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof according to
23 the terms and conditions thereof; and adopt rules to govern the
24 receipt and expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits and income
25 thereof;

26 (9) May establish and maintain night schools whenever in the
27 discretion of the board of trustees it is deemed advisable, and
28 authorize classrooms and other facilities to be used for summer or
29 night schools, or for public meetings and for any other uses
30 consistent with the use of such classrooms or facilities for
31 community and technical college purposes;

32 (10) May make rules for pedestrian and vehicular traffic on
33 property owned, operated, or maintained by the district;

34 (11) Shall prescribe, with the assistance of the faculty, the
35 course of study in the various departments of the community and
36 technical college or colleges under its control, and publish such
37 catalogues and bulletins as may become necessary;

38 (12) May grant to every student, upon graduation or completion of
39 a course of study, a suitable diploma, degree, or certificate under
40 the rules of the state board for community and technical colleges

1 that are appropriate to their mission. The purposes of these
2 diplomas, certificates, and degrees are to lead individuals directly
3 to employment in a specific occupation or prepare individuals for a
4 bachelor's degree or beyond. Technical colleges may only offer
5 transfer degrees that prepare students for bachelor's degrees in
6 professional fields, subject to rules adopted by the college board.
7 In adopting rules, the college board, where possible, shall create
8 consistency between community and technical colleges and may address
9 issues related to tuition and fee rates; tuition waivers; enrollment
10 counting, including the use of credits instead of clock hours; degree
11 granting authority; or any other rules necessary to offer the
12 associate degrees that prepare students for transfer to bachelor's
13 degrees in professional areas. Only colleges under RCW 28B.50.810 or
14 section 1 of this act may award baccalaureate degrees. The board,
15 upon recommendation of the faculty, may also confer honorary
16 associate of arts degrees, or if it is authorized to award
17 baccalaureate degrees may confer honorary bachelor of applied science
18 degrees, upon persons other than graduates of the community college,
19 in recognition of their learning or devotion to education,
20 literature, art, or science. No degree may be conferred in
21 consideration of the payment of money or the donation of any kind of
22 property;

23 (13) Shall enforce the rules prescribed by the state board for
24 community and technical colleges for the government of community and
25 technical colleges, students and teachers, and adopt such rules and
26 perform all other acts not inconsistent with law or rules of the
27 state board for community and technical colleges as the board of
28 trustees may in its discretion deem necessary or appropriate to the
29 administration of college districts: PROVIDED, That such rules shall
30 include, but not be limited to, rules relating to housing,
31 scholarships, conduct at the various community and technical college
32 facilities, and discipline: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the board of
33 trustees may suspend or expel from community and technical colleges
34 students who refuse to obey any of the duly adopted rules;

35 (14) May, by written order filed in its office, delegate to the
36 president or district president any of the powers and duties vested
37 in or imposed upon it by this chapter. Such delegated powers and
38 duties may be exercised in the name of the district board;

39 (15) May perform such other activities consistent with this
40 chapter and not in conflict with the directives of the college board;

1 (16) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, may offer
2 educational services on a contractual basis other than the tuition
3 and fee basis set forth in chapter 28B.15 RCW for a special fee to
4 private or governmental entities, consistent with rules adopted by
5 the state board for community and technical colleges: PROVIDED, That
6 the whole of such special fee shall go to the college district and be
7 not less than the full instructional costs of such services including
8 any salary increases authorized by the legislature for community and
9 technical college employees during the term of the agreement:
10 PROVIDED FURTHER, That enrollments generated hereunder shall not be
11 counted toward the official enrollment level of the college district
12 for state funding purposes;

13 (17) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, may offer
14 educational services on a contractual basis, charging tuition and
15 fees as set forth in chapter 28B.15 RCW, counting such enrollments
16 for state funding purposes, and may additionally charge a special
17 supplemental fee when necessary to cover the full instructional costs
18 of such services: PROVIDED, That such contracts shall be subject to
19 review by the state board for community and technical colleges and to
20 such rules as the state board may adopt for that purpose in order to
21 assure that the sum of the supplemental fee and the normal state
22 funding shall not exceed the projected total cost of offering the
23 educational service: PROVIDED FURTHER, That enrollments generated by
24 courses offered on the basis of contracts requiring payment of a
25 share of the normal costs of the course will be discounted to the
26 percentage provided by the college;

27 (18) Shall be authorized to pay dues to any association of
28 trustees that may be formed by the various boards of trustees; such
29 association may expend any or all of such funds to submit biennially,
30 or more often if necessary, to the governor and to the legislature,
31 the recommendations of the association regarding changes which would
32 affect the efficiency of such association;

33 (19) May participate in higher education centers and consortia
34 that involve any four-year public or independent college or
35 university in accordance with RCW 28B.77.080;

36 (20) Shall perform any other duties and responsibilities imposed
37 by law or rule of the state board; and

38 (21) May confer honorary associate of arts degrees upon persons
39 who request an honorary degree if they were students at the college
40 in 1942 and did not graduate because they were ordered into an

1 internment camp. The honorary degree may also be requested by a
2 representative of deceased persons who meet these requirements. For
3 the purposes of this subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation
4 center to which persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential
5 Executive Order 9066, signed on February 19, 1942.

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