
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6262

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Palumbo, Darneille, Lias, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, and Saldaña)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing pilot programs to plan for the
2 needs of certain college students experiencing homelessness; adding a
3 new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 28B.77 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

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 (1) The college board must establish a pilot program for college
9 districts to plan for the unique needs and challenges of students
10 experiencing homelessness.

11 (2)(a) As part of the pilot program, each college district must
12 develop a capital project plan to renovate or rehabilitate an
13 existing building or facility within the district to provide, but not
14 be limited to, the following accommodations: Laundry facilities,
15 storage units, showers, and lockers. Such a capital project must
16 receive an enhanced score, as developed by the college board, as
17 compared to other capital projects submitted by the college district.

18 (b) If the college district implements a culinary program, it is
19 encouraged to provide free or reduced-price meals to reduce food
20 insecurity.

1 (c) To address student homelessness and increase housing options,
2 the college district should also attempt to engage with the local
3 housing authority to provide tenant-based rental assistance programs,
4 including such programs to assist students who were recently released
5 from a state correctional facility or local jail.

6 (3) The pilot program must include four college districts, two on
7 each side of the Cascade mountain range. The pilot program expires
8 July 1, 2023. The college districts that participate in the pilot
9 program must provide a joint report to the appropriate committees of
10 the legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at least the
11 following information: The number of students experiencing
12 homelessness during the pilot program, the number of students
13 assisted, strategies for accommodating students experiencing
14 homelessness, and legislative recommendations.

15 (4) For purposes of this section, "homelessness" means without a
16 fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the
17 federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act, P.L. 100-77, July 22,
18 1987, 101 Stat. 482, and runaway and homeless youth act, P.L. 93-415,
19 Title III, September 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1129.

20 (5) This section expires January 1, 2024.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) The council must establish a pilot program for four-year
24 institutions of higher education to plan for the unique needs and
25 challenges of students experiencing homelessness.

26 (2)(a) As part of the pilot program, each four-year institution
27 of higher education, as part of its submission to the office of
28 financial management and the legislative fiscal committees of the
29 legislature under RCW 43.88D.010(7), must develop a capital project
30 plan to renovate or rehabilitate an existing campus building or
31 facility to provide, but not be limited to, the following
32 accommodations: Laundry facilities, storage units, showers, and
33 lockers. Such a capital project must receive an enhanced score, as
34 developed by the office of financial management, as compared to other
35 capital projects submitted by the four-year institution of higher
36 education.

37 (b) If the four-year institution of higher education implements a
38 culinary program, it is encouraged to provide free or reduced-price
39 meals to reduce food insecurity.

1 (c) To address student homelessness and increase housing options,
2 the four-year institution of higher education should also attempt to
3 engage with the local housing authority to provide tenant-based
4 rental assistance programs, including such programs to assist
5 students who were recently released from a state correctional
6 facility or local jail.

7 (3) The pilot program must include two four-year institutions of
8 higher education, one on each side of the Cascade mountain range. The
9 pilot program expires July 1, 2023. The four-year institutions of
10 higher education that participate in the pilot program must provide a
11 joint report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
12 December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following information:
13 The number of students experiencing homelessness during the pilot
14 program, the number of students assisted, strategies for
15 accommodating students experiencing homelessness, and legislative
16 recommendations.

17 (4) For purposes of this section, "homelessness" means without a
18 fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the
19 federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act, P.L. 100-77, July 22,
20 1987, 101 Stat. 482, and runaway and homeless youth act, P.L. 93-415,
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