
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5800

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Randall, Zeiger, Nguyen, Wilson, C., Saldaña, Carlyle, Keiser, Sheldon, Das, Hasegawa, and Kuderer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the helping homeless college students act;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.77 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

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.50
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the college board shall select four college
9 districts, two on each side of the crest of the Cascade mountain
10 range, to participate in a pilot program to provide assistance to
11 students experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the
12 foster care system when they graduated high school. The college
13 districts chosen to participate in the pilot program must provide
14 certain accommodations to these students that may include, but are
15 not limited to, the following:

- 16 (a) Access to laundry facilities;
17 (b) Access to storage;
18 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;
19 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
20 (e) Access to technology;

1 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
2 especially during seasonal breaks; and

3 (g) Case management services.

4 (2) The college districts may also establish plans to develop
5 surplus property for affordable housing to accommodate the needs of
6 students experiencing homelessness and students who were in the
7 foster care system when they graduated high school.

8 (3) The college districts participating in the pilot program
9 shall provide a joint report to the appropriate committees of the
10 legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following
11 information:

12 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness and the
13 number of students who were in the foster care system when they
14 graduated high school who were attending a community or technical
15 college during the pilot program. The college board shall coordinate
16 with all of the community and technical colleges to collect voluntary
17 data on how many students experiencing homelessness are attending the
18 community and technical colleges;

19 (b) The number of students assisted by the pilot program;

20 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
21 homelessness and former foster care students; and

22 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
23 homelessness and former foster care students could be better served.

24 (4) The college districts not selected to participate in the
25 pilot program are:

26 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

27 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
28 participants under subsection (3) of this section, regardless of
29 participation status.

30 (5) The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.

31 (6) This section expires January 1, 2024.

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

34 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
35 specific purpose, the council shall select two public four-year
36 institutions of higher education, one on each side of the crest of
37 the Cascade mountain range, to participate in a pilot program to
38 provide assistance to students experiencing homelessness and to
39 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high

1 school. The four-year institutions of higher education chosen to
2 participate in the pilot program must provide certain accommodations
3 to these students that may include, but are not limited to, the
4 following:

5 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

6 (b) Access to storage;

7 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;

8 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;

9 (e) Access to technology;

10 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
11 especially during seasonal breaks; and

12 (g) Case management services.

13 (2) The four-year institutions of higher education may also
14 establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable housing to
15 accommodate the needs of students experiencing homelessness and
16 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high
17 school.

18 (3) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
19 in the pilot program shall provide a joint report to the appropriate
20 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at
21 least the following information:

22 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness and the
23 number of students who were in the foster care system when they
24 graduated high school who were attending a four-year institution of
25 higher education during the pilot program. The council shall
26 coordinate with all of the four-year institutions of higher education
27 to collect voluntary data on how many students experiencing
28 homelessness are attending the four-year institutions of higher
29 education;

30 (b) The number of students assisted by the pilot program;

31 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
32 homelessness and former foster care students; and

33 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
34 homelessness and former foster care students could be better served.

35 (4) The four-year institutions of higher education not selected
36 to participate in the pilot program are:

37 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

38 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
39 participants under subsection (3) of this section, regardless of
40 participation status.

- 1 (5) The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.
- 2 (6) This section expires January 1, 2024.

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