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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers for state employees; and
2 amending RCW 28B.15.558.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 2007 c 461 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
8 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities
9 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this
10 section and teachers and other certificated instructional staff under
11 subsection (3) of this section. The enrollment of these persons is
12 pursuant to the following conditions:

13 (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on
14 a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created as
15 a result of the registration;

16 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this
17 section shall be (~~maintained separately from other enrollment~~
18 ~~information and shall not be~~) included in official enrollment

1 reports(~~(, nor shall)~~). Such persons also shall be considered in any
2 enrollment statistics that would affect budgetary determinations; and

3 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be charged
4 a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

5 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means
6 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following
7 employee classifications:

8 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06
9 RCW;

10 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to
11 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

12 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
13 employees of technical colleges; and

14 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and
15 administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined
16 in RCW 28B.10.016.

17 (3) The waivers available to state employees under this section
18 shall also be available to teachers and other certificated
19 instructional staff employed at public common and vocational schools,
20 holding or seeking a valid endorsement and assignment in a state-
21 identified shortage area.

22 (4) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
23 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
24 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
25 institution.

26 (5) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority
27 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state
28 employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the
29 program.

30 (6) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of
31 higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and
32 employees who are employed half-time or more.

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