
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6262

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Palumbo, Darneille, Llias, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, and Saldaña)

READ FIRST TIME 01/24/18.

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 to encourage
9 college districts to plan for the unique needs and challenges of
10 students experiencing homelessness. Such accommodations may include,
11 but are not limited to: Laundry facilities, storage, showers,
12 encouraging culinary programs to provide free or reduced-price meals,
13 and providing short-term housing or housing assistance; and plans to
14 develop surplus property for affordable housing to accommodate the
15 needs of students experiencing homelessness. The pilot program must
16 include four college districts, two on each side of the Cascade
17 mountain range. The pilot program expires July 1, 2023. The college
18 districts that participate in the pilot program must provide a joint
19 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
20 1, 2023, that includes at least the following information: The number
21 of students experiencing homelessness during the pilot program, the

1 number of students assisted, strategies for accommodating students
2 experiencing homelessness, and legislative recommendations.

3 (2) "Homelessness" means without a fixed, regular, and adequate
4 nighttime residence as set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento
5 homeless assistance act, P.L. 100-77, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 482,
6 and runaway and homeless youth act, P.L. 93-415, Title III, September
7 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1129.

8 (3) This section expires January 1, 2024.

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

11 (1) The council must establish a pilot program to encourage four-
12 year institutions of higher education to plan for the unique needs
13 and challenges of students experiencing homelessness. Such
14 accommodations may include, but are not limited to: Laundry
15 facilities, storage, showers, encouraging culinary programs to
16 provide free or reduced-price meals, and providing short-term housing
17 or housing assistance; and plans to develop surplus property for
18 affordable housing to accommodate the needs of students experiencing
19 homelessness. The pilot program must include two four-year
20 institutions of higher education, one on each side of the Cascade
21 mountain range. The pilot program expires July 1, 2023. The four-year
22 institutions of higher education that participate in the pilot
23 program must provide a joint report to the appropriate committees of
24 the legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at least the
25 following information: The number of students experiencing
26 homelessness during the pilot program, the number of students
27 assisted, strategies for accommodating students experiencing
28 homelessness, and legislative recommendations.

29 (2) "Homelessness" means without a fixed, regular, and adequate
30 nighttime residence as set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento
31 homeless assistance act, P.L. 100-77, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 482,
32 and runaway and homeless youth act, P.L. 93-415, Title III, September
33 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1129.

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