

2SSB 5800 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Appropriations

ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 4/12/19

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50  
4 RCW to read as follows:

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

- 14 (a) Access to laundry facilities;
- 15 (b) Access to storage;
- 16 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;
- 17 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
- 18 (e) Access to technology;
- 19 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,  
20 especially during seasonal breaks; and
- 21 (g) Case management services.

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

26 (3) The college districts participating in the pilot program  
27 shall leverage existing community resources by making available to  
28 students in the pilot program information that is available for  
29 individuals experiencing homelessness, including through not-for-  
30 profit organizations, the local housing authority, and the department  
31 of commerce's office of homeless youth.

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

5 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food  
6 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care  
7 system when they graduated high school who were attending a community  
8 or technical college during the pilot program. The college board  
9 shall coordinate with all of the community and technical colleges to  
10 collect voluntary data on how many students experiencing homelessness  
11 or food insecurity are attending the community and technical  
12 colleges;

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

14 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing  
15 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

16 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing  
17 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students  
18 could be better served.

19 (5) The college districts not selected to participate in the  
20 pilot program are:

21 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

22 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program  
23 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of  
24 participation status.

25 (6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.

26 (7) This section expires January 1, 2024.

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

29 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
30 specific purpose, the council shall select two public four-year  
31 institutions of higher education, one on each side of the crest of  
32 the Cascade mountain range, to participate in a pilot program to  
33 provide assistance to students experiencing homelessness and to  
34 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high  
35 school. The four-year institutions of higher education chosen to  
36 participate in the pilot program must provide certain accommodations  
37 to these students that may include, but are not limited to, the  
38 following:

39 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

1 (b) Access to storage;

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

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

4 (e) Access to technology;

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

7 (g) Case management services.

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

13 (3) The four-year institutions of higher education participating  
14 in the pilot program shall leverage existing community resources by  
15 making available to students in the pilot program information that is  
16 available for individuals experiencing homelessness, including  
17 through not-for-profit organizations, the local housing authority,  
18 and the department of commerce's office of homeless youth.

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

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

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

32 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing  
33 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

34 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing  
35 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students  
36 could be better served.

37 (5) The four-year institutions of higher education not selected  
38 to participate in the pilot program are:

39 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

1 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program  
2 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of  
3 participation status.

4 (6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
7 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
8 provided by June 30, 2019, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
9 act is null and void."

10 Correct the title.

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