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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the students experiencing
2 homelessness and foster youth pilot program; and amending RCW
3 28B.50.916.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.916 and 2021 c 62 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, ~~((the college board shall select eight college
9 districts, with no less than four located outside of the Puget Sound
10 region to participate in a pilot))~~ each community and technical
11 college may implement a program to provide assistance to students
12 experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the foster care
13 system when they graduated high school. The ~~((college districts
14 chosen to participate in the pilot))~~ program must provide certain
15 accommodations to these students that may include, but are not
16 limited to, the following:

- 17 (a) Access to laundry facilities;
18 (b) Access to storage;
19 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;
20 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
21 (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))~~ community and technical colleges
5 may also establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable
6 housing to accommodate the needs of students experiencing
7 homelessness and students who were in the foster care system when
8 they graduated high school.

9 (3) The ~~((college districts participating in the pilot program))~~
10 community and technical colleges shall leverage existing community
11 resources by making available to students in the ~~((pilot))~~ program
12 information that is available for individuals experiencing
13 homelessness, including through not-for-profit organizations, the
14 local housing authority, and the department of commerce's office of
15 homeless youth.

16 (4) The ~~((college districts participating in the pilot program))~~
17 community and technical colleges shall provide a joint report to the
18 appropriate committees of the legislature in accordance with RCW
19 43.01.036 by December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following
20 information:

21 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
22 insecurity, and the number of former foster care students who were in
23 the foster care system when they graduated high school who ~~((were~~
24 ~~attending))~~ attended a community or technical college ~~((during the~~
25 ~~pilot program))~~. The college board shall coordinate with all of the
26 community and technical colleges to collect voluntary data on how
27 many students experiencing homelessness or food insecurity are
28 attending the community and technical colleges;

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

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

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

35 ~~((5) The college districts not selected to participate in the~~
36 ~~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 (4) of this section, regardless of~~
40 ~~participation status.~~

1 ~~(6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2024.~~
2 ~~(7) This section expires January 1, 2025.)~~)

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