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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The governing board of each of the state universities, the
10 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, upon the
11 written agreement of its respective student government association or
12 its equivalent, may establish and charge each enrolled student a
13 technology fee, separate from tuition fees. During the 1996-97
14 academic year, any technology fee shall not exceed one hundred twenty
15 dollars for a full-time student. Any technology fee charged to a part-
16 time student shall be calculated as a pro rata share of the fee charged
17 to a full-time student.

18 (2) Revenue from this fee shall be used exclusively for technology
19 resources for general student use.

20 (3) Only changes in the amount of the student technology fee agreed
21 upon by both the governing board and its respective student government
22 association or its equivalent shall be used to adjust the amount
23 charged to students. Changes in the amount charged to students, once
24 implemented, become the basis for future changes.

25 (4) Annually, the student government association or its equivalent
26 may abolish the fee by a majority vote. In the event of such a vote,
27 the student government association or its equivalent shall notify the
28 governing board of the institution. The fee shall cease being
29 collected two years after the term in which the student government
30 association or its equivalent voted to eliminate the fee, unless a
31 shorter time was provided for in the agreement enacting the fee.

32 (5) The student government association or its equivalent shall
33 approve the annual expenditure plan for the fee revenue.

34 (6) The universities and The Evergreen State College shall deposit
35 three and one-half percent of revenues from the technology fee into the
36 institutional financial aid fund under RCW 28B.15.820.

1 (7) As used in this section, "technology fee" is a fee charged to
2 students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing and
3 maintaining services to students that include, but need not be limited
4 to: Access to the internet and world wide web, e-mail, computer and
5 multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer software, and dial-
6 up telephone services.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.031 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 2 are each amended
8 to read as follows:

9 The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall include the
10 fees, other than building fees, charged all students registering at the
11 state's colleges and universities but shall not include fees for short
12 courses, self-supporting degree credit programs and courses, marine
13 station work, experimental station work, correspondence or extension
14 courses, and individual instruction and student deposits or rentals,
15 disciplinary and library fines, which colleges and universities shall
16 have the right to impose, laboratory, gymnasium, health, technology and
17 student activity fees, or fees, charges, rentals, and other income
18 derived from any or all revenue producing lands, buildings and
19 facilities of the colleges or universities heretofore or hereafter
20 acquired, constructed or installed, including but not limited to income
21 from rooms, dormitories, dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing
22 or student activity buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or
23 the appurtenances thereon, or such other special fees as may be
24 established by any college or university board of trustees or regents
25 from time to time. All moneys received as operating fees at any
26 institution of higher education shall be deposited in a local account
27 containing only operating fees revenue and related interest: PROVIDED,
28 That a minimum of three and one-half percent of operating fees shall be
29 retained by the institutions, except the technical colleges, for the
30 purposes of RCW 28B.15.820. Local operating fee accounts shall not be
31 subject to appropriation by the legislature or allotment procedures
32 under chapter 43.88 RCW.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.615 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 23 are each amended
34 to read as follows:

35 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
36 of the state universities and the regional universities may exempt the
37 following students from paying all or a portion of the resident

1 operating fee and the technology fee: Students granted a graduate
2 service appointment, designated as such by the institution, involving
3 not less than twenty hours of work per week. The exemption shall be
4 for the term of the appointment. (~~The stipend paid to persons holding
5 graduate student appointments from nonstate funds shall be reduced and
6 the institution reimbursed from such funds in an amount equal to the
7 resident operating fee which funds shall be transmitted to the general
8 fund.~~)

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
12 persons or circumstances is not affected.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
16 effect immediately."

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20 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "matters;" strike the
21 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.15.031 and
22 28B.15.615; adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and declaring
23 an emergency."

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