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By Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Kohl-Welles, Long, Bauer, Shin, B. Sheldon, Oke and Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to educational opportunities for classified  
2 employees of school districts and educational service districts; and  
3 amending RCW 28B.15.558.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 1997 c 211 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
8 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges  
9 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities  
10 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this  
11 section and members of the Washington national guard. The enrollment  
12 of these persons is 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 reports,

1 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that  
2 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 employees of school districts and educational service  
13 districts governed by chapter 41.56 RCW;

14 (d) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional  
15 employees of technical colleges; and

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

19 (3) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may  
20 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before  
21 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the  
22 institution.

23 (4) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority  
24 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state  
25 employees and members of the Washington national guard in the pool of  
26 persons eligible to participate in the program.

27 (5) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of  
28 higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and  
29 employees who are employed half-time or more.

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