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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5743**

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Sheahan, Oke and Hale; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving the community and technical colleges'  
2 contributions to economic development in the state of Washington;  
3 amending RCW 28B.15.100; creating new sections; and providing an  
4 expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that a well-  
7 trained and educated work force is a key factor in the economic  
8 development of the state of Washington. A community and technical  
9 college system designed to be responsive to the needs of new or  
10 expanding business is a strong incentive for new businesses to locate  
11 here. The legislature also recognizes that out-of-state tuition is a  
12 disincentive for firms that are required to locate key employees here  
13 because it represents a high cost to their continued training and  
14 development. The legislature further recognizes that students are  
15 better served when they are able to integrate work and training.  
16 Short-term, modular training is more easily integrated in the  
17 workplace, and is far more responsive to the changes in welfare, the  
18 cycle of continued dislocation, and limited resources than full-time  
19 training. It is the intent of the legislature to eliminate impediments

1 to the ability of the community and technical colleges to maximize  
2 their responsiveness to meet the growing needs of economic development  
3 in this state.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.100 and 1998 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges  
8 shall charge to and collect from each of the students registering at  
9 the particular institution for any quarter or semester such tuition  
10 fees and services and activities fees, and other fees as such board  
11 shall in its discretion determine. The total of all fees shall be  
12 rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount: PROVIDED, That such  
13 tuition fees for other than the summer term shall be in the amounts for  
14 the respective institutions as otherwise set forth in RCW 28B.15.067.

15 (2) Part-time students shall be charged tuition and services and  
16 activities fees proportionate to full-time student rates established  
17 for residents and nonresidents: PROVIDED, (~~That students registered~~  
18 ~~for fewer than two credit hours shall be charged tuition and services~~  
19 ~~and activities fees at the rate established for two credit hours:~~  
20 ~~PROVIDED FURTHER,~~) That, subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910,  
21 residents of Idaho or Oregon who are enrolled in community college  
22 district number twenty for six or fewer credits during any quarter or  
23 semester may be exempted from payment of all or a portion of the  
24 nonresident tuition fees differential upon a declaration by the higher  
25 education coordinating board that it finds Washington residents from  
26 the community college district are afforded substantially equivalent  
27 treatment by such other states.

28 (3) Full-time students registered for more than eighteen credit  
29 hours shall be charged an additional operating fee for each credit hour  
30 in excess of eighteen hours at the applicable established per credit  
31 hour tuition fee rate for part-time students: PROVIDED, That, subject  
32 to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state  
33 universities and the community colleges may exempt all or a portion of  
34 the additional charge, for students who are registered exclusively in  
35 first professional programs in medicine, dental medicine, veterinary  
36 medicine, doctor of pharmacy, or law, or who are registered exclusively  
37 in required courses in vocational preparatory programs.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The interaction of a changing economy, an  
2    evolving work force, and rapid advancements in technology is having  
3    secondary impacts on business as usual.    The rules and assumptions  
4    governmental institutions, business, labor, and citizens of the state  
5    of Washington have used for decades need to be reevaluated and altered  
6    to address these changes.    A more mobile work force and the  
7    advancements of distance learning are two elements that are impacted by  
8    the state's current residency rules as they pertain to tuition at  
9    public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.

10        (1)    A committee shall be appointed to examine residency  
11    requirements for out-of-state tuition at public institutions of higher  
12    education.    The committee shall consist of:    Representatives from the  
13    state board for community and technical colleges, the office of  
14    financial management, the higher education coordinating board, and the  
15    four-year institutions of higher education.

16        (2)    The study shall include, but not be limited to:

17        (a)    The impact the state's rules for in-state and out-of-state  
18    tuition setting has on economic development within the state; and

19        (b)    How the state's residency requirements should be applied to  
20    enrollment in distance learning courses.

21        (3)    The study committee shall provide a final report to the senate  
22    and house of representatives committees on higher education by December  
23    1, 1999.

24        (4)    This section expires December 31, 1999.

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