
HOUSE BILL 2113

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1 AN ACT Relating to refunds of federal financial aid to students who
2 withdraw from institutions of higher education before the end of a
3 quarter or semester; and amending RCW 28B.15.600.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.600 and 1995 c 36 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
8 universities, and The Evergreen State College may refund or cancel in
9 full the tuition and services and activities fees if the student
10 withdraws from a university or college course or program prior to the
11 sixth day of instruction of the quarter or semester for which the fees
12 have been paid or are due. If the student withdraws on or after the
13 sixth day of instruction, the governing boards may refund or cancel up
14 to one-half of the fees, provided such withdrawal occurs within the
15 first thirty calendar days following the beginning of instruction.
16 However, if a different policy is required by federal law in order for
17 the institution of higher education to maintain eligibility for federal
18 funding of programs, the governing board may adopt a refund policy that
19 meets the minimum requirements of the federal law, and the policy may

1 treat all students attending the institution in the same manner.
2 Additionally, if federal law provides that students who receive federal
3 financial aid must return a larger amount to the federal government
4 than that refunded by the institution, the governing board may adopt a
5 refund policy that uses the formula used to calculate the amount
6 returned to the federal government, and the policy may treat all
7 students attending the institution in the same manner.

8 (2) The governing boards of the respective universities and college
9 may adopt rules for the refund of tuition and fees for courses or
10 programs that begin after the start of the regular quarter or semester.

11 (3) The governing boards (~~may adopt rules to comply with RCW~~
12 ~~28B.15.623 and~~) may extend the refund or cancellation period for
13 students who withdraw for medical reasons or who are called into the
14 military service of the United States and may refund other fees
15 pursuant to such rules as they may prescribe.

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