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Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting differential tuition; and reenacting
2 and amending RCW 28B.15.067.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 914 and 2012 c 228
5 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this
7 chapter.

8 (2) Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year, reductions or increases
9 in full-time tuition fees shall be as provided in the omnibus
10 appropriations act for resident undergraduate students at community and
11 technical colleges. The governing boards of the state universities,
12 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College; and the state
13 board for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-
14 time tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates,
15 including nonresident students, summer school students, and students in
16 other self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-
17 time tuition may exceed the fiscal growth factor. (~~Except during the~~
18 ~~2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the state board for community and technical~~

1 ~~colleges may pilot or institute differential tuition models. The board~~
2 ~~may define scale, scope, and rationale for the models.))~~

3 (3)(a) Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year and through the end
4 of the 2014-15 academic year, the governing boards of the state
5 universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State
6 College may reduce or increase full-time tuition fees for all students,
7 including summer school students and students in other self-supporting
8 degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time tuition fees may
9 exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or increases may be made
10 for all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, or
11 courses~~((, or))~~ for graduate or nonresident students; however, ~~((during~~
12 ~~the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium,))~~ reductions or increases in tuition
13 must be uniform among resident undergraduate students.

14 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,
15 the governing boards of the state universities, the regional
16 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with
17 existing student associations or organizations with student
18 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of
19 potential tuition increases. Each governing board shall make public
20 its proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days before the
21 governing board of the institution considers adoption and allow
22 opportunity for public comment. However, the requirement to make
23 public a proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days before
24 the governing board considers adoption shall not apply if the omnibus
25 appropriations act has not passed the legislature by May 15th.
26 Governing boards shall be required to provide data regarding the
27 percentage of students receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and
28 the percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

29 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,
30 the state board for community and technical college system shall
31 consult with existing student associations or organizations with
32 undergraduate student representation regarding the impacts of potential
33 tuition increases. The state board for community and technical
34 colleges shall provide data regarding the percentage of students
35 receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and the percentage of
36 total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

37 (4) Beginning with the 2015-16 academic year through the 2018-19

1 academic year, the governing boards of the state universities, regional
2 universities, and The Evergreen State College may set tuition for
3 resident undergraduates as follows:

4 (a) If state funding for a college or university falls below the
5 state funding provided in the operating budget for fiscal year 2011,
6 the governing board may increase tuition up to the limits set in (d) of
7 this subsection, reduce enrollments, or both;

8 (b) If state funding for a college or university is at least at the
9 level of state funding provided in the operating budget for fiscal year
10 2011, the governing board may increase tuition up to the limits set in
11 (d) of this subsection and shall continue to at least maintain the
12 actual enrollment levels for fiscal year 2011 or increase enrollments
13 as required in the omnibus appropriations act;

14 (c) If state funding is increased so that combined with resident
15 undergraduate tuition the sixtieth percentile of the total per-student
16 funding at similar public institutions of higher education in the
17 global challenge states under RCW 28B.15.068 is exceeded, the governing
18 board shall decrease tuition by the amount needed for the total per-
19 student funding to be at the sixtieth percentile under RCW 28B.15.068;
20 and

21 (d) The amount of tuition set by the governing board for an
22 institution under this subsection (4) may not exceed the sixtieth
23 percentile of the resident undergraduate tuition of similar public
24 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states.

25 (5) Reductions or increases in tuition set by the governing board
26 for an institution under subsection (4) of this section may be made for
27 all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, or courses for
28 graduate or nonresident students; however, reductions or increases in
29 tuition must be uniform among resident undergraduate students.

30 (6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
31 to high school students enrolling in participating institutions of
32 higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

33 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall
34 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout reengagement
35 program through an interlocal agreement between a school district and
36 a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100 through
37 28A.175.110.

1 ~~((7))~~ (8) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall
2 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical
3 college participating in the pilot program under RCW 28B.50.534 for the
4 purpose of obtaining a high school diploma.

5 ~~((8))~~ (9) Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, reductions or
6 increases in full-time tuition fees for resident undergraduates at
7 four-year institutions of higher education shall be as provided in the
8 omnibus appropriations act.

9 ~~((9))~~ (10) The legislative advisory committee to the committee on
10 advanced tuition payment established in RCW 28B.95.170 shall:

11 (a) Review the impact of differential tuition rates on the funded
12 status and future unit price of the Washington advanced college tuition
13 payment program; and

14 (b) No later than January 14, 2013, make a recommendation to the
15 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature regarding
16 how differential tuition should be addressed in order to maintain the
17 ongoing solvency of the Washington advanced college tuition payment
18 program.

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