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- AN ACT Relating to formation of student advisory committees at
- 2 four-year institutions of higher education; and adding a new section to
- 3 chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) A student association at a four-year institution of higher education may form a student advisory committee with the purpose of advising and assisting the administration of that four-year institution of higher education on issues that directly affect students' ability to access and succeed in their educational programs. Issues that the student advisory committee should consider include:
- 13 (a) The institution's annual budget;
- 14 (b) Tuition and fee levels;
- 15 (c) Financial aid policies;
- 16 (d) Long-range budget priorities and allocation planning; and
- 17 (e) Admission and enrollment policies.
- 18 (2) Members of a student advisory committee may be appointed in a

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manner that is consistent with policies adopted by the student associations on each campus.

- (3) The administration of each four-year institution of higher education must: (a) Make readily available all nonconfidential information, documents, and reports requested by the student advisory committee and that are necessary for the committee to provide informed recommendations; and (b) provide the opportunity to present recommendations to the boards of regents or trustees before final decisions of the administration that relate to the issues outlined in subsection (1) of this section.
- (4) A student advisory committee must: (a) Make reasonable efforts to solicit feedback from students regarding the issues outlined in subsection (1) of this section and matters that are of general interest and impact students; and (b) take reasonable steps to keep students informed of deliberations and actions of the student advisory committee.

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