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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing tuition; amending RCW 28B.15.031,
2 28B.15.066, 28B.15.067, and 28B.15.069; reenacting and amending RCW
3 28B.95.020 and 28B.95.030; adding a new section to chapter 28B.92
4 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 28B.15.068 and
5 28B.15.102.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.031 and 2012 c 230 s 6 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall
10 include the fees, other than building fees, charged all students
11 registering at the state's colleges and universities but shall not
12 include fees for short courses, self-supporting degree credit
13 programs and courses, marine station work, experimental station work,
14 correspondence or extension courses, and individual instruction and
15 student deposits or rentals, disciplinary and library fines, which
16 colleges and universities shall have the right to impose, laboratory,
17 gymnasium, health, technology and student activity fees, or fees,
18 charges, rentals, and other income derived from any or all revenue
19 producing lands, buildings and facilities of the colleges or
20 universities heretofore or hereafter acquired, constructed or
21 installed, including but not limited to income from rooms,

1 dormitories, dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing or student
2 activity buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or the
3 appurtenances thereon, or such other special fees as may be
4 established by any college or university board of trustees or regents
5 from time to time. All moneys received as operating fees at any
6 institution of higher education shall be deposited in a local account
7 containing only operating fees revenue and related interest:
8 PROVIDED, That (~~a minimum of five percent of operating fees shall be~~
9 ~~retained by the four-year institutions of higher education that~~
10 ~~increase tuition for resident undergraduate students above assumed~~
11 ~~tuition increases in the omnibus appropriations act,~~) a minimum of
12 four percent of operating fees shall be retained by four-year
13 institutions of higher education (~~that do not increase tuition for~~
14 ~~resident undergraduates above assumed increases in the omnibus~~
15 ~~appropriations act,~~) and a minimum of three and one-half percent of
16 operating fees shall be retained by the community and technical
17 colleges for the purposes of RCW 28B.15.820. At least thirty percent
18 of operating fees required to be retained by the four-year
19 institutions for purposes of RCW 28B.15.820 shall be used only for
20 the purposes of RCW 28B.15.820(10).

21 (2) In addition to the three and one-half percent of operating
22 fees retained by the institutions under subsection (1) of this
23 section, up to three percent of operating fees charged to students at
24 community and technical colleges shall be transferred to the
25 community and technical college innovation account for the
26 implementation of the college board's strategic technology plan in
27 RCW 28B.50.515. The percentage to be transferred to the community and
28 technical college innovation account shall be determined by the
29 college board each year but shall not exceed three percent of the
30 operating fees collected each year.

31 (3) Local operating fee accounts shall not be subject to
32 appropriation by the legislature but shall be subject to allotment
33 procedures by budget program and fiscal year under chapter 43.88 RCW.

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.066 and 2003 c 232 s 3 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (~~It is the intent of the legislature that:~~
37 ~~In making appropriations from the state's general fund to~~
38 ~~institutions of higher education, each appropriation shall conform to~~
39 ~~the following:~~

1 ~~(1) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of~~
2 ~~operating fees revenue estimated to be collected from students~~
3 ~~enrolled at the state-funded enrollment level specified in the~~
4 ~~omnibus biennial operating appropriations act;~~

5 ~~(2) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of~~
6 ~~operating fees revenue collected from students enrolled above the~~
7 ~~state-funded level specified in the omnibus biennial operating~~
8 ~~appropriations act; and~~

9 ~~(3) The general fund state appropriation shall not be reduced by~~
10 ~~the amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result of waiving~~
11 ~~less operating fees revenue than the amounts authorized under RCW~~
12 ~~28B.15.910. State general fund appropriations shall not be provided~~
13 ~~for revenue foregone as a result of or for waivers granted under RCW~~
14 ~~28B.15.915-.)~~ (1) Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations
15 act, the legislature shall appropriate to the state board for
16 community and technical colleges and to each of the four-year
17 institutions of higher education an amount that is at least equal to
18 the total state funds appropriated in the 2013-2015 biennium and the
19 net revenue loss from resident undergraduate tuition operating fees
20 based on budgeted full-time equivalent enrollment received for the
21 2015-2017 fiscal biennium under RCW 28B.15.067 (3) and (6), each
22 adjusted for inflation in subsequent biennia.

23 (2) As used in this section and RCW 28B.15.069, "inflation" shall
24 be based on the consumer price index, using the official current
25 base, compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United States
26 department of labor for the state of Washington. If the bureau of
27 labor statistics develops more than one consumer price index for
28 areas within the state, the index covering the greatest number of
29 people and covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the
30 state shall be used.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 958 are each
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of
34 this chapter.

35 (2) Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year and through the
36 2014-15 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition
37 fees shall be as provided in the omnibus appropriations act for
38 resident undergraduate students at community and technical colleges.

1 (3) Beginning in the 2015-16 academic year, full-time tuition
2 operating fees for resident undergraduates at community and technical
3 colleges shall be no more than six percent of the state's average
4 wage as defined in RCW 50.04.355.

5 (4) The governing boards of the state universities, regional
6 universities, and The Evergreen State College; and the state board
7 for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-time
8 tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates,
9 including nonresident students, summer school students, and students
10 in other self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in
11 full-time tuition may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Except during
12 the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the state board for community and
13 technical colleges may pilot or institute differential tuition
14 models. The board may define scale, scope, and rationale for the
15 models.

16 (~~(3)~~) (5)(a) Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year and
17 through the end of the 2014-15 academic year, the governing boards of
18 the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
19 State College may reduce or increase full-time tuition fees for all
20 students, including summer school students and students in other
21 self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time
22 tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or
23 increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's
24 programs, campuses, courses, or students; however, during the
25 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, reductions or increases in tuition must be
26 uniform among resident undergraduate students.

27 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic
28 year, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional
29 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with
30 existing student associations or organizations with student
31 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of
32 potential tuition increases. Each governing board shall make public
33 its proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days before the
34 governing board of the institution considers adoption and allow
35 opportunity for public comment. However, the requirement to make
36 public a proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days
37 before the governing board considers adoption shall not apply if the
38 omnibus appropriations act has not passed the legislature by May
39 15th. Governing boards shall be required to provide data regarding

1 the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the sources of
2 aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

3 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic
4 year, the state board for community and technical college system
5 shall consult with existing student associations or organizations
6 with undergraduate student representation regarding the impacts of
7 potential tuition increases. The state board for community and
8 technical colleges shall provide data regarding the percentage of
9 students receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and the
10 percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

11 ~~((4))~~ (6) Beginning with the 2015-16 academic year ~~((through~~
12 ~~the 2018-19 academic year, the governing boards of the state~~
13 ~~universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College~~
14 ~~may set tuition for resident undergraduates as follows:~~

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

19 ~~(b) If state funding for a college or university is at least at~~
20 ~~the level of state funding provided in the operating budget for~~
21 ~~fiscal year 2011, the governing board may increase tuition up to the~~
22 ~~limits set in (d) of this subsection and shall continue to at least~~
23 ~~maintain the actual enrollment levels for fiscal year 2011 or~~
24 ~~increase enrollments as required in the omnibus appropriations act;~~

25 ~~(c) If state funding is increased so that combined with resident~~
26 ~~undergraduate tuition the sixtieth percentile of the total per-~~
27 ~~student funding at similar public institutions of higher education in~~
28 ~~the global challenge states under RCW 28B.15.068 is exceeded, the~~
29 ~~governing board shall decrease tuition by the amount needed for the~~
30 ~~total per student funding to be at the sixtieth percentile under RCW~~
31 ~~28B.15.068; and~~

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

36 (5)), full-time tuition operating fees for resident
37 undergraduates at state universities shall be no more than fourteen
38 percent of the state's average wage as defined in RCW 50.04.355 and
39 full-time tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates at
40 regional universities and The Evergreen State College shall be no

1 more than ten percent of the state's average wage as defined in RCW
2 50.04.355.

3 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not
4 apply to high school students enrolling in participating institutions
5 of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

6 ~~((+6))~~ (8) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall
7 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout reengagement
8 program through an interlocal agreement between a school district and
9 a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100 through
10 28A.175.110.

11 ~~((+7))~~ (9) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall
12 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical
13 college participating in the pilot program under RCW 28B.50.534 for
14 the purpose of obtaining a high school diploma.

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

19 ~~(+9))~~ (10) The legislative advisory committee to the committee on
20 advanced tuition payment established in RCW 28B.95.170 shall:

21 (a) Review the impact of differential tuition rates on the funded
22 status and future unit price of the Washington advanced college
23 tuition payment program; and

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

29 (11) As a result of any changes in tuition under section 3,
30 chapter ..., Laws of 2015 (this section), the governing boards of the
31 state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
32 State College shall not reduce resident undergraduate enrollment
33 below the 2014-15 academic year levels.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each
37 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from
38 section 3, chapter ..., Laws of 2015 (section 3 of this act) will

1 allow the legislature to reduce state need grant appropriations by an
2 equal amount from the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts.

3 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.15.069 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 959 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The building fee for each academic year shall be a percentage
6 of total tuition fees. This percentage shall be calculated by the
7 office of financial management and be based on the actual percentage
8 the building fee is of total tuition for each tuition category in the
9 1994-95 academic year, rounded up to the nearest half percent. After
10 the effective date of this section, the dollar value of the building
11 fee shall not be reduced below the level in the 2014-15 academic year
12 adjusted for inflation. As used in this subsection, "inflation" has
13 the meaning in RCW 28B.15.066(2).

14 (2) The governing boards of each institution of higher education,
15 except for the technical colleges, shall charge to and collect from
16 each student a services and activities fee. A governing board may
17 increase the existing fee annually, consistent with budgeting
18 procedures set forth in RCW 28B.15.045, by a percentage not to exceed
19 the annual percentage increase in student tuition fees for resident
20 undergraduate students: PROVIDED, That such percentage increase shall
21 not apply to that portion of the services and activities fee
22 previously committed to the repayment of bonded debt. These rate
23 adjustments may exceed the fiscal growth factor. For the 2013-2015
24 fiscal biennium, each governing board is authorized to increase the
25 services and activities fees by amounts judged reasonable and
26 necessary by the services and activities fee committee and the
27 governing board consistent with the budgeting procedures set forth in
28 RCW 28B.15.045. The services and activities fee committee provided
29 for in RCW 28B.15.045 may initiate a request to the governing board
30 for a fee increase.

31 (3) Tuition and services and activities fees consistent with
32 subsection (2) of this section shall be set by the state board for
33 community and technical colleges for community college summer school
34 students unless the community college charges fees in accordance with
35 RCW 28B.15.515.

36 (4) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, each governing
37 board of a community college may charge such fees for ungraded
38 courses, noncredit courses, community services courses, and self-
39 supporting courses as it, in its discretion, may determine,

1 consistent with the rules of the state board for community and
2 technical colleges.

3 (5) The governing board of a college offering an applied
4 baccalaureate degree program under RCW 28B.50.810 may charge tuition
5 fees for those courses above the associate degree level at rates
6 consistent with rules adopted by the state board for community and
7 technical colleges, not to exceed tuition fee rates at the regional
8 universities.

9 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.95.020 and 2012 c 229 s 606 are each reenacted
10 and amended to read as follows:

11 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter,
12 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

13 (1) "Academic year" means the regular nine-month, three-quarter,
14 or two-semester period annually occurring between August 1st and July
15 31st.

16 (2) "Account" means the Washington advanced college tuition
17 payment program account established for the deposit of all money
18 received by the office from eligible purchasers and interest earnings
19 on investments of funds in the account, as well as for all
20 expenditures on behalf of eligible beneficiaries for the redemption
21 of tuition units and for the development of any authorized college
22 savings program pursuant to RCW 28B.95.150.

23 (3) "Committee on advanced tuition payment" or "committee" means
24 a committee of the following members: The state treasurer, the
25 director of the office of financial management, the director of the
26 office, or their designees, and two members to be appointed by the
27 governor, one representing program participants and one private
28 business representative with marketing, public relations, or
29 financial expertise.

30 (4) "Contractual obligation" means a legally binding contract of
31 the state with the purchaser and the beneficiary establishing that
32 purchases of tuition units will be worth the same number of tuition
33 units at the time of redemption as they were worth at the time of the
34 purchase, except as provided in RCW 28B.95.030(7).

35 (5) "Eligible beneficiary" means the person for whom the tuition
36 unit will be redeemed for attendance at an institution of higher
37 education. The beneficiary is that person named by the purchaser at
38 the time that a tuition unit contract is accepted by the governing
39 body. Qualified organizations, as allowed under section 529 of the

1 federal internal revenue code, purchasing tuition unit contracts as
2 future scholarships need not designate a beneficiary at the time of
3 purchase.

4 (6) "Eligible purchaser" means an individual or organization that
5 has entered into a tuition unit contract with the governing body for
6 the purchase of tuition units for an eligible beneficiary. The state
7 of Washington may be an eligible purchaser for purposes of purchasing
8 tuition units to be held for granting Washington college bound
9 scholarships.

10 (7) "Full-time tuition charges" means resident tuition charges at
11 a state institution of higher education for enrollments between ten
12 credits and eighteen credit hours per academic term.

13 (8) "Governing body" means the committee empowered by the
14 legislature to administer the Washington advanced college tuition
15 payment program.

16 (9) "Institution of higher education" means an institution that
17 offers education beyond the secondary level and is recognized by the
18 internal revenue service under chapter 529 of the internal revenue
19 code.

20 (10) "Investment board" means the state investment board as
21 defined in chapter 43.33A RCW.

22 (11) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance as
23 defined in chapter 28B.76 RCW.

24 (12) "State institution of higher education" means institutions
25 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

26 (13) "Tuition and fees" means undergraduate tuition and services
27 and activities fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041
28 rounded to the nearest whole dollar. For purposes of this chapter,
29 services and activities fees do not include fees charged for the
30 payment of bonds heretofore or hereafter issued for, or other
31 indebtedness incurred to pay, all or part of the cost of acquiring,
32 constructing, or installing any lands, buildings, or facilities.

33 (14) "Tuition unit contract" means a contract between an eligible
34 purchaser and the governing body, or a successor agency appointed for
35 administration of this chapter, for the purchase of tuition units for
36 a specified beneficiary that may be redeemed at a later date for an
37 equal number of tuition units, except as provided in RCW
38 28B.95.030(7).

39 (15) "Unit purchase price" means the minimum cost to purchase one
40 tuition unit for an eligible beneficiary. Generally, the minimum

1 purchase price is one percent of the undergraduate tuition and fees
2 for the current year, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, adjusted
3 for the costs of administration and adjusted to ensure the actuarial
4 soundness of the account. The analysis for price setting shall also
5 include, but not be limited to consideration of past and projected
6 patterns of tuition increases, program liability, past and projected
7 investment returns, and the need for a prudent stabilization reserve.

8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.95.030 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 12 s 2 and 2011 1st
9 sp.s. c 11 s 170 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The Washington advanced college tuition payment program shall
11 be administered by the committee on advanced tuition payment which
12 shall be chaired by the director of the office. The committee shall
13 be supported by staff of the office.

14 (2)(a) The Washington advanced college tuition payment program
15 shall consist of the sale of tuition units, which may be redeemed by
16 the beneficiary at a future date for an equal number of tuition units
17 regardless of any increase in the price of tuition, that may have
18 occurred in the interval, except as provided in subsection (7) of
19 this section.

20 (b) Each purchase shall be worth a specific number of or fraction
21 of tuition units at each state institution of higher education as
22 determined by the governing body, except as provided in subsection
23 (7) of this section.

24 (c) The number of tuition units necessary to pay for a full
25 year's, full-time undergraduate tuition and fee charges at a state
26 institution of higher education shall be set by the governing body at
27 the time a purchaser enters into a tuition unit contract, except as
28 provided in subsection (7) of this section.

29 (d) The governing body may limit the number of tuition units
30 purchased by any one purchaser or on behalf of any one beneficiary,
31 however, no limit may be imposed that is less than that necessary to
32 achieve four years of full-time, undergraduate tuition charges at a
33 state institution of higher education. The governing body also may,
34 at its discretion, limit the number of participants, if needed, to
35 ensure the actuarial soundness and integrity of the program.

36 (e) While the Washington advanced college tuition payment program
37 is designed to help all citizens of the state of Washington, the
38 governing body may determine residency requirements for eligible

1 purchasers and eligible beneficiaries to ensure the actuarial
2 soundness and integrity of the program.

3 (3)(a) No tuition unit may be redeemed until two years after the
4 purchase of the unit. Units may be redeemed for enrollment at any
5 institution of higher education that is recognized by the internal
6 revenue service under chapter 529 of the internal revenue code.

7 (b) Units redeemed at a nonstate institution of higher education
8 or for graduate enrollment shall be redeemed at the rate for state
9 public institutions in effect at the time of redemption.

10 (4) The governing body shall determine the conditions under which
11 the tuition benefit may be transferred to another family member. In
12 permitting such transfers, the governing body may not allow the
13 tuition benefit to be bought, sold, bartered, or otherwise exchanged
14 for goods and services by either the beneficiary or the purchaser.

15 (5) The governing body shall administer the Washington advanced
16 college tuition payment program in a manner reasonably designed to be
17 actuarially sound, such that the assets of the trust will be
18 sufficient to defray the obligations of the trust including the costs
19 of administration. The governing body may, at its discretion,
20 discount the minimum purchase price for certain kinds of purchases
21 such as those from families with young children, as long as the
22 actuarial soundness of the account is not jeopardized.

23 (6) The governing body shall annually determine current value of
24 a tuition unit.

25 (7) In time for the 2015-16 academic year, the committee and the
26 governing body shall make a one-time adjustment to the current value
27 of all unredeemed tuition units purchased before the effective date
28 of this section to ensure the current value of the tuition units
29 retain their total current dollar value and are not decreased or
30 diluted as a result of the initial application of any changes in
31 tuition under section 3, chapter ..., Laws of 2015 (section 3 of this
32 act). The first notification to holders of tuition units after the
33 adjustment in this subsection is made must include a statement
34 concerning the adjustment.

35 (8) The governing body shall promote, advertise, and publicize
36 the Washington advanced college tuition payment program.

37 ~~((+8))~~ (9) In addition to any other powers conferred by this
38 chapter, the governing body may:

39 (a) Impose reasonable limits on the number of tuition units or
40 units that may be used in any one year;

1 (b) Determine and set any time limits, if necessary, for the use
2 of benefits under this chapter;

3 (c) Impose and collect administrative fees and charges in
4 connection with any transaction under this chapter;

5 (d) Appoint and use advisory committees and the state actuary as
6 needed to provide program direction and guidance;

7 (e) Formulate and adopt all other policies and rules necessary
8 for the efficient administration of the program;

9 (f) Consider the addition of an advanced payment program for room
10 and board contracts and also consider a college savings program;

11 (g) Purchase insurance from insurers licensed to do business in
12 the state, to provide for coverage against any loss in connection
13 with the account's property, assets, or activities or to further
14 insure the value of the tuition units;

15 (h) Make, execute, and deliver contracts, conveyances, and other
16 instruments necessary to the exercise and discharge of its powers and
17 duties under this chapter;

18 (i) Contract for the provision for all or part of the services
19 necessary for the management and operation of the program with other
20 state or nonstate entities authorized to do business in the state;

21 (j) Contract for other services or for goods needed by the
22 governing body in the conduct of its business under this chapter;

23 (k) Contract with financial consultants, actuaries, auditors, and
24 other consultants as necessary to carry out its responsibilities
25 under this chapter;

26 (l) Solicit and accept cash donations and grants from any person,
27 governmental agency, private business, or organization; and

28 (m) Perform all acts necessary and proper to carry out the duties
29 and responsibilities of this program under this chapter.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are
31 each repealed:

32 (1) RCW 28B.15.068 (Tuition fees increase limitations—State
33 funding goals—Reports—"Global challenge states"—Notification of
34 availability of American opportunity tax credit) and 2012 c 229 s
35 525, 2012 c 229 s 524, 2011 1st sp.s. c 50 s 928, 2011 1st sp.s. c 10
36 s 7, 2009 c 540 s 1, & 2007 c 151 s 1; and

37 (2) RCW 28B.15.102 (Institutional tuition increases—Financial aid
38 offset—Reports—Resident first-year undergraduate enrollment at the

1 University of Washington, Seattle campus) and 2014 c 162 s 1, 2013 c
2 23 s 53, 2012 c 229 s 526, & 2011 1st sp.s. c 10 s 6.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act may be known and cited as the
4 college affordability program.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If specific funding for the purposes of
6 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
7 provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
8 act is null and void.

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