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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing pilot programs to plan for the
2 needs of certain college students experiencing homelessness; adding a
3 new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 28B.77 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The college board must establish a pilot program to encourage
9 college districts to plan for the unique needs and challenges of
10 students experiencing homelessness. Such accommodations may include,
11 but are not limited to: Laundry facilities, storage, showers,
12 encouraging culinary programs to provide free or reduced-price meals,
13 and providing short-term housing or housing assistance; and plans to
14 develop surplus property for affordable housing to accommodate the
15 needs of students experiencing homelessness. The pilot program must
16 include four college districts, two on each side of the Cascade
17 mountain range. The pilot program expires July 1, 2023. The college
18 districts that participate in the pilot program must provide a joint
19 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
20 1, 2023, that includes at least the following information: The number
21 of students experiencing homelessness during the pilot program, the

1 number of students assisted, strategies for accommodating students
2 experiencing homelessness, and legislative recommendations.

3 (2) This section expires January 1, 2024.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The council must establish a pilot program to encourage four-
7 year institutions of higher education to plan for the unique needs
8 and challenges of students experiencing homelessness. Such
9 accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

10 (a) Laundry facilities, storage, showers, encouraging culinary
11 programs to provide free or reduced-price meals, providing an annual
12 stipend to be used for purchasing clothing and technology, and
13 providing short-term housing or housing assistance;

14 (b) Establishing a case manager program for assisting homeless
15 and at-risk students; and

16 (c) Plans to develop surplus property for affordable housing to
17 accommodate the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

18 (2) The pilot program must include two four-year institutions of
19 higher education, one on each side of the Cascade mountain range. The
20 pilot program expires July 1, 2023. The four-year institutions of
21 higher education that participate in the pilot program must provide a
22 joint report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
23 December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following information:
24 The number of students experiencing homelessness during the pilot
25 program, the number of students assisted, strategies for
26 accommodating students experiencing homelessness, and legislative
27 recommendations.

28 (3) This section expires January 1, 2024.

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