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By Representatives Leavitt, Rude, Slatter, Ortiz-Self, Kilduff, Valdez, and Goodman; by request of Lieutenant Governor

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington common application;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.77 RCW; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington student achievement council shall develop a
8 common application for admission to Washington's public colleges and
9 universities. In creating the common application, the student
10 achievement council shall:

11 (a) Consult with the public colleges and universities in
12 determining the required elements of a common application;

13 (b) Develop an online application tool through which prospective
14 postsecondary students can apply to the public colleges and
15 universities;

16 (c) Establish a uniform college application fee which may be
17 adjusted annually;

18 (d) Consult with the public colleges and universities to develop
19 a common application fee waiver process through the common
20 application for low-income students.

1 (2) (a) The Washington student achievement council must develop a
2 common application fee waiver policy for eligible prospective
3 students.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, eligible prospective students
5 are those who:

6 (i) Are a resident student of the state of Washington in
7 accordance with RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e);

8 (ii) Apply for acceptance as an undergraduate student at an
9 institution of higher education through the common application and
10 have not yet earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent; and

11 (iii) Demonstrate financial need under RCW 28B.92.205.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) Institutions of higher education must accept the common
15 application for postsecondary admission as created under section 1 of
16 this act. Institutions of higher education may require additional
17 supplemental materials as part of the common application process.

18 (2) Institutions of higher education may not charge additional
19 fees beyond the uniform college application fee created under section
20 1 of this act for review of the common application or consider the
21 receipt of application fee waivers through the common application as
22 part of the admissions process.

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