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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1887**

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**By** House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Stanford, MacEwen, Gregerson, Peterson, Orwall, Wylie, Moscoso, Tarleton, Zeiger, Kilduff, and Bergquist)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the student veterans' support  
2 program; and adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.60A  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) It is the legislature's goal to help make Washington's  
7 community and technical colleges more supportive of student veterans  
8 by helping the colleges attain the partners for veteran supportive  
9 campuses certificate.

10 (2) The Washington student veterans' support program is created  
11 under the authority of the department. The purpose of the program is  
12 to provide grants to community or technical colleges as defined in  
13 RCW 28B.50.030 and regional universities as defined in RCW  
14 28B.35.010, including any satellite campuses. These grants may be  
15 used to provide student veterans with academic advising services,  
16 peer support services, or other purposes consistent with the partners  
17 for veteran supportive campuses program.

18 (3) Any of the community or technical colleges as defined in RCW  
19 28B.50.030 and regional universities as defined in RCW 28B.35.010,  
20 including any satellite campuses, that submit an application for the  
21 department's partners for veteran supportive campuses certificate are

1 eligible to receive a student veterans' support program grant of up  
2 to twenty thousand dollars per applicant, per biennium.

3 (4) The department shall evaluate which community or technical  
4 colleges that submitted an application for the partner for veteran  
5 supportive campuses certificate would benefit the most from a student  
6 veterans' support program grant.

7 (5) The student veterans' support program account is created in  
8 the custody of the state treasurer. Revenues to the account shall  
9 consist of state appropriations to the account and gifts, grants, or  
10 donations from public or private sources received by the department  
11 for this purpose. State appropriations into the account may not  
12 exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a fiscal biennium.  
13 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the student  
14 veterans' support program grants. Only the director of the department  
15 or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the  
16 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter  
17 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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