
SENATE BILL 6262

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1 AN ACT Relating to a higher education tuition incentive program;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.330 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.15 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) An economic development and diversification tuition incentive
8 program is created. The higher education coordinating board shall
9 maintain a list of employers who are certified under section 2 of this
10 act to participate in the program.

11 (2) A nonresident student shall pay resident tuition rates
12 beginning with the first quarter or semester after moving to Washington
13 if:

14 (a) The student, student's spouse, or student's parent is employed
15 by an employer certified by the department of community, trade, and
16 economic development under section 2 of this act;

17 (b) The student, student's spouse, or student's parent relocated to
18 Washington at the request of that certified employer; and

1 (c) The student signs a letter of intent to establish domicile in
2 Washington.

3 (3) A nonresident student who moves to Washington to attend an
4 institution of higher education before the time that the student's
5 spouse or student's parent is employed by a qualified employer shall
6 pay resident tuition beginning with the first semester or quarter after
7 the spouse or parent moves to Washington if the nonresident student
8 otherwise qualifies under subsection (2) of this section.

9 (4) Evidence that the nonresident student has participated in the
10 program may be used as evidence of domicile under RCW 28B.15.013.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) Employers who wish to participate in the economic development
14 and diversification tuition incentive program in section 1 of this act
15 shall apply to the department of community, trade, and economic
16 development to be certified. Employers who currently operate in
17 Washington and must bring new employees from out-of-state and employers
18 who are relocating or expanding operations in Washington may be
19 eligible for the program. The department shall certify employers that
20 qualify for the program based on the following criteria:

21 (a) Whether the business will have or has a high economic impact in
22 the region of the state where it is located;

23 (b) Whether it is a targeted industry of the state or is an
24 ancillary or support industry for a targeted industry; and

25 (c) Whether the business will promote highly skilled, high-wage
26 jobs.

27 (2) In determining whether to certify an employer under this
28 section, the department shall also consider the number of anticipated
29 employees in the program and the anticipated capital investment in the
30 business.

31 (3) The department shall transmit the names of certified employers
32 to the higher education coordinating board quarterly.

33 (4) The department shall decertify an employer if it finds that the
34 employer no longer meets the criteria in subsection (1) of this
35 section.

1 (5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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