
SENATE BILL 6394

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition and fee exemptions; amending RCW
2 28B.15.100; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.100 and 2003 c 232 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the governing
7 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
8 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall charge to and
9 collect from each of the students registering at the particular
10 institution for any quarter or semester such tuition fees and services
11 and activities fees, and other fees as such board shall in its
12 discretion determine. The total of all fees shall be rounded to the
13 nearest whole dollar amount: PROVIDED, That such tuition fees shall be
14 established in accordance with RCW 28B.15.067.

15 (2) Part-time students shall be charged tuition and services and
16 activities fees proportionate to full-time student rates established
17 for residents and nonresidents: PROVIDED, That except for students
18 registered at community colleges, students registered for fewer than
19 two credit hours shall be charged tuition and services and activities

1 fees at the rate established for two credit hours: PROVIDED FURTHER,
2 That, subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, residents of Idaho
3 or Oregon who are enrolled in community college district number twenty
4 for six or fewer credits during any quarter or semester may be exempted
5 from payment of all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees
6 differential upon a declaration by the higher education coordinating
7 board that it finds Washington residents from the community college
8 district are afforded substantially equivalent treatment by such other
9 states.

10 (3) Full-time students registered for more than eighteen credit
11 hours shall be charged an additional operating fee for each credit hour
12 in excess of eighteen hours at the applicable established per credit
13 hour tuition fee rate for part-time students: PROVIDED, That, subject
14 to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state
15 universities and the community colleges may exempt all or a portion of
16 the additional charge, for students who are registered exclusively in
17 first professional programs in medicine, dental medicine, veterinary
18 medicine, doctor of pharmacy, or law, or who are registered exclusively
19 in required courses in vocational preparatory programs.

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

22 A student at a state university, regional university, The Evergreen
23 State College, or community college shall be exempt from tuition fees
24 for the first two academic years after initial enrollment if the
25 student:

26 (1) Is a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 at the time
27 of initial registration at the institution;

28 (2) Registers at the institution within eight months after meeting
29 high school graduation requirements in accordance with state board of
30 education rules or receiving a certificate of educational competence
31 under the rules established by the state board of education under RCW
32 28A.305.190; and

33 (3) Continues to make satisfactory academic progress toward a
34 degree or certification.

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