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1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative advisory committee to the
2 committee on advanced tuition payment; amending RCW 28B.15.067; and
3 repealing RCW 28B.95.170.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 3 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of
8 this chapter.

9 (2) Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year and through the
10 2014-15 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition
11 fees shall be as provided in the omnibus appropriations act for
12 resident undergraduate students at community and technical colleges.

13 (3)(a) In the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years, tuition
14 operating fees for resident undergraduates at community and technical
15 colleges excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW
16 28B.50.030, shall be five percent less than the 2014-15 academic year
17 tuition operating fee.

18 (b) Beginning in the 2017-18 academic year, tuition operating
19 fees for resident undergraduates at community and technical colleges
20 excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030,
21 may increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth

1 rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous
2 fourteen years as the wage is determined by the federal bureau of
3 labor statistics.

4 (4) The governing boards of the state universities, regional
5 universities, and The Evergreen State College; and the state board
6 for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-time
7 tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates,
8 including nonresident students, summer school students, and students
9 in other self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in
10 full-time tuition may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Except during
11 the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the state board for community and
12 technical colleges may pilot or institute differential tuition
13 models. The board may define scale, scope, and rationale for the
14 models.

15 (5) (a) Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year and through the
16 end of the 2014-15 academic year, the governing boards of the state
17 universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State
18 College may reduce or increase full-time tuition fees for all
19 students, including summer school students and students in other
20 self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time
21 tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or
22 increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's
23 programs, campuses, courses, or students; however, during the
24 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, reductions or increases in tuition must be
25 uniform among resident undergraduate students.

26 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic
27 year, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional
28 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with
29 existing student associations or organizations with student
30 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of
31 potential tuition increases. Each governing board shall make public
32 its proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days before the
33 governing board of the institution considers adoption and allow
34 opportunity for public comment. However, the requirement to make
35 public a proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days
36 before the governing board considers adoption shall not apply if the
37 omnibus appropriations act has not passed the legislature by May
38 15th. Governing boards shall be required to provide data regarding
39 the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the sources of
40 aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

1 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic
2 year, the state board for community and technical college system
3 shall consult with existing student associations or organizations
4 with undergraduate student representation regarding the impacts of
5 potential tuition increases. The state board for community and
6 technical colleges shall provide data regarding the percentage of
7 students receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and the
8 percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

9 (6) (a) In the 2015-16 academic year, full-time tuition operating
10 fees for resident undergraduates for state universities, regional
11 universities, The Evergreen State College, and applied baccalaureate
12 degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030 shall be five percent less than
13 the 2014-15 academic year tuition operating fee.

14 (b) Beginning with the 2016-17 academic year, full-time tuition
15 operating fees for resident undergraduates for:

16 (i) State universities shall be fifteen percent less than the
17 2014-15 academic year tuition operating fee; and

18 (ii) Regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and
19 applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030 shall be
20 twenty percent less than the 2014-15 academic year tuition operating
21 fee.

22 (c) Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, full-time tuition
23 operating fees for resident undergraduates in (b) of this subsection
24 may increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth
25 rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous
26 fourteen years as the wage is determined by the federal bureau of
27 labor statistics.

28 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not
29 apply to high school students enrolling in participating institutions
30 of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

31 (8) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not
32 apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout reengagement
33 program through an interlocal agreement between a school district and
34 a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100 through
35 28A.175.110.

36 ~~(9) ((The legislative advisory committee to the committee on~~
37 ~~advanced tuition payment established in RCW 28B.95.170 shall:~~

38 ~~(a) Review the impact of differential tuition rates on the funded~~
39 ~~status and future unit price of the Washington advanced college~~
40 ~~tuition payment program; and~~

1 ~~(b) No later than January 14, 2013, make a recommendation to the~~
2 ~~appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature regarding~~
3 ~~how differential tuition should be addressed in order to maintain the~~
4 ~~ongoing solvency of the Washington advanced college tuition payment~~
5 ~~program.~~

6 (10)) As a result of any changes in tuition under section 3,
7 chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess., the governing boards of the
8 state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
9 State College shall not reduce resident undergraduate enrollment
10 below the 2014-15 academic year levels.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.95.170 (Legislative advisory
12 committee) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 12 s 6 are each repealed.

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