

Chapter 28B.15 RCW

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FEES

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"Colleges and universities" defined.

(1) "Colleges and universities" for the purposes of this chapter shall mean Central Washington University at Ellensburg, Eastern Washington University at Cheney, Western Washington University at Bellingham, The Evergreen State College in Thurston county, community colleges as are provided for in chapter **28B.50** RCW, the University of Washington, and Washington State University.

(2) "State universities" for the purposes of this chapter shall mean the University of Washington and Washington State University.

(3) "Regional universities" for the purposes of this chapter shall mean Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and Western Washington University.

[**1977 ex.s. c 169 § 33**; **1971 ex.s. c 279 § 1**.]

NOTES:

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 279: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [**1971 ex.s. c 279 § 25**.]

RCW **28B.15.011**

Classification as resident or nonresident student—Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the legislature that the state institutions of higher education shall apply uniform rules as prescribed in RCW **28B.15.012** through **28B.15.014**, and not otherwise, in determining whether students shall be classified as resident students or nonresident students for all tuition and fee purposes.

[**1971 ex.s. c 273 § 1**.]

NOTES:

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 273: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [**1971 ex.s. c 273 § 6**.]

RCW **28B.15.012**

Classification as resident or nonresident student—Definitions.

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Whenever used in this chapter:

(1) The term "institution" shall mean a public university, college, or community or technical college within the state of Washington.

(2) The term "resident student" shall mean:

(a) A financially independent student who has had a domicile in the state of Washington for the period of one year immediately prior to the time of commencement of the first day of the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any institution and has in fact established a bona fide domicile in this state primarily for purposes other than educational;

(b) A dependent student, if one or both of the student's parents or legal guardians have maintained a bona fide domicile in the state of Washington for at least one year immediately prior to commencement of the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any institution;

(c) A student classified as a resident based upon domicile by an institution on or before May 31, 1982, who was enrolled at a state institution during any term of the 1982-1983 academic year, so long as such student's enrollment (excepting summer sessions) at an institution in this state is continuous;

(d) Any student who has spent at least seventy-five percent of both his or her junior and senior years in high schools in this state, whose parents or legal guardians have been domiciled in the state for a period of at least one year within the five-year period before the student graduates from high school, and who enrolls in a public institution of higher education within six months of leaving high school, for as long as the student remains continuously enrolled for three quarters or two semesters in any calendar year;

(e) Any person who has completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a high school diploma, both at a Washington public high school or private high school approved under chapter **28A.195** RCW, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma; who has lived in Washington for at least three years immediately prior to receiving the diploma or its equivalent; who has continuously lived in the state of Washington after receiving the diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is admitted to an institution of higher education under subsection (1) of this section; and who provides to the institution an affidavit indicating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not limited to citizenship or civics review courses;

(f) Any person who has lived in Washington, primarily for purposes other than educational, for at least one year immediately before the date on which the person has enrolled in an institution, and who holds lawful nonimmigrant status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. (a)(15) (E)(iii), (H)(i), or (L), or who holds lawful nonimmigrant status as the spouse or child of a person having nonimmigrant status under one of those subsections, or who, holding or having previously held such lawful nonimmigrant status as a principal or derivative, has filed an application for adjustment of status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1255(a);

(g) A student who is on active military duty stationed in the state or who is a member of the Washington national guard;

(h) A student who is on active military duty or a member of the national guard who entered service as a Washington resident and who has maintained Washington as his or her domicile but is not stationed in the state;

(i) A student who is the spouse or a dependent of a person who is on active military duty or a member of the national guard who entered service as a Washington resident and who has maintained Washington as his or her domicile but is not stationed in the state. If the person on active military duty is reassigned out-of-state, the student maintains the status as a resident student so long as the student is continuously enrolled in a degree program;

(j) A student who is entitled to transferred federal post-9/11 veterans educational assistance act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Sec. 3301 et seq.) benefits based on the student's relationship as a spouse, former spouse, or child to an individual who is on active duty in the uniformed services;

(k) A student who resides in the state of Washington and is the spouse or a dependent of a person who is a member of the Washington national guard;

(l) A student who has separated from the uniformed services with any period of honorable service after at least ninety days of active duty service; is eligible for benefits under the federal all-volunteer force educational assistance program (38 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 et seq.), the federal post-9/11 veterans educational assistance act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Sec. 3301 et seq.), or any other federal law authorizing educational assistance benefits for veterans; and enters an institution of higher education in Washington within three years of the date of separation;

(m) A student who is entitled to veterans administration educational assistance benefits based on the student's relationship as a spouse, former spouse, or child to an individual who has separated from the uniformed services with any period of honorable service after at least ninety days of active duty service, and who enters an institution of higher education in Washington within three years of the service member's date of separation;

(n) A student who is entitled to veterans administration educational assistance benefits based on the student's relationship with a deceased member of the uniformed services who died in the line of duty;

(o) A student of an out-of-state institution of higher education who is attending a Washington state institution of higher education pursuant to a home tuition agreement as described in RCW **28B.15.725**;

(p) A student who meets the requirements of RCW **28B.15.0131** or **28B.15.0139**: PROVIDED, That a nonresident student enrolled for more than six hours per semester or quarter shall be considered as attending for primarily educational purposes, and for tuition and fee paying purposes only such period of enrollment shall not be counted toward the establishment of a bona fide domicile of one year in this state unless such student proves that the student has in fact established a bona fide domicile in this state primarily for purposes other than educational;

(q) A student who resides in Washington and is on active military duty stationed in the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington; or

(r) A student who resides in Washington and is the spouse or a dependent of a person who resides in Washington and is on active military duty stationed in the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington. If the person on active military duty moves from Washington or is reassigned out of the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington, the student maintains the status as a resident student so long as the student resides in Washington and is continuously enrolled in a degree program.

(3)(a) A student who qualifies under subsection (2)(j), (l), (m), or (n) of this section and who remains continuously enrolled at an institution of higher education shall retain resident student status.

(b) Nothing in subsection (2)(j), (l), (m), or (n) of this section applies to students who have a dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services, or to students who are the spouse or child of an individual who has had a dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services, unless the student is receiving veterans administration educational assistance benefits.

(4) The term "nonresident student" shall mean any student who does not qualify as a "resident student" under the provisions of this section and RCW **28B.15.013**. Except for students qualifying under subsection (2)(e) or (o) of this section, a nonresident student shall include:

(a) A student attending an institution with the aid of financial assistance provided by another state or governmental unit or agency thereof, such nonresidency continuing for one year after the completion of such semester or quarter. This condition shall not apply to students from Columbia, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, or Washington county, Oregon participating in the border county pilot project under RCW **28B.76.685**, **28B.76.690**, and **28B.15.0139**.

(b) A person who is not a citizen of the United States of America, unless the person meets and complies with all applicable requirements in this section and RCW **28B.15.013** and is one of the following:

(i) A lawful permanent resident;

- (ii) A temporary resident;
- (iii) A person who holds "refugee-parolee," "conditional entrant," or U or T nonimmigrant status with the United States citizenship and immigration services;
- (iv) A person who has been issued an employment authorization document by the United States citizenship and immigration services that is valid as of the date the person's residency status is determined;
- (v) A person who has been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status before, on, or after June 7, 2018, regardless of whether the person is no longer or will no longer be granted deferred action for childhood arrival status due to the termination, suspension, or modification of the deferred action for childhood arrival program; or
- (vi) A person who is otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law, including deferred action status.

(5) The term "domicile" shall denote a person's true, fixed and permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where the student intends to remain, and to which the student expects to return when the student leaves without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere. The burden of proof that a student, parent or guardian has established a domicile in the state of Washington primarily for purposes other than educational lies with the student.

(6) The term "dependent" shall mean a person who is not financially independent. Factors to be considered in determining whether a person is financially independent shall be set forth in rules adopted by the student achievement council and shall include, but not be limited to, the state and federal income tax returns of the person and/or the student's parents or legal guardian filed for the calendar year prior to the year in which application is made and such other evidence as the council may require.

(7) The term "active military duty" means the person is serving on active duty in:

- (a) The armed forces of the United States government; or
- (b) The Washington national guard; or
- (c) The coast guard, merchant mariners, or other nonmilitary organization when such service is recognized by the United States government as equivalent to service in the armed forces.

(8) The term "active duty service" means full-time duty, other than active duty for training, as a member of the uniformed services of the United States. Active duty service as a national guard member under Title 32 U.S.C. for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training and active service under 32 U.S.C. Sec. 502(f) for the purpose of responding to a national emergency is recognized as active duty service.

(9) The term "uniformed services" is defined by Title 10 U.S.C.; subsequently structured and organized by Titles 14, 33, and 42 U.S.C.; consisting of the United States army, United States marine corps, United States navy, United States air force, United States coast guard, United States public health service commissioned corps, and the national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps.

[2018 c 204 § 3; 2017 c 191 § 1; 2015 3rd sp.s. c 8 § 1. Prior: 2015 c 55 § 207; 2014 c 183 § 1; 2012 c 229 § 521; 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 148; 2010 c 183 § 1; 2009 c 220 § 1; 2004 c 128 § 1; 2003 c 95 § 1; 2002 c 186 § 2; prior: (2002 c 186 § 1 expired June 30, 2002); 2000 c 160 § 1; 2000 c 117 § 2; (2000 c 117 § 1 expired June 30, 2002); 1999 c 320 § 5; 1997 c 433 § 2; 1994 c 188 § 2; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 4; prior: 1987 c 137 § 1; 1987 c 96 § 1; 1985 c 370 § 62; 1983 c 285 § 1; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 149 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 273 § 2.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2015 3rd sp.s. c 8 § 1: "Section 1 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 24, 2015." [2015 3rd sp.s. c 8 § 2.]

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW [28B.77.005](#).

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Effective date—2009 c 220: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2009." [[2009 c 220 § 2](#).]

Intent—2003 c 95: "It is the intent of the legislature to ensure that students who receive a diploma from a Washington state high school or receive the equivalent of a diploma in Washington state and who have lived in Washington for at least three years prior to receiving their diploma or its equivalent are eligible for in-state tuition rates when they enroll in a public institution of higher education in Washington state." [[2003 c 95 § 2](#).]

Effective date—2003 c 95: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2003." [[2003 c 95 § 4](#).]

Expiration date—2002 c 186 § 1: "Section 1 of this act expires June 30, 2002." [[2002 c 186 § 4](#).]

Effective date—2002 c 186 § 2: "Section 2 of this act takes effect June 30, 2002." [[2002 c 186 § 5](#).]

Expiration date—2000 c 117 § 1: "Section 1 of this act expires June 30, 2002." [[2000 c 117 § 4](#).]

Effective date—2000 c 117 § 2: "Section 2 of this act takes effect June 30, 2002." [[2000 c 117 § 5](#).]

Intent—Severability—1997 c 433: See notes following RCW [28B.15.725](#).

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060](#).

Effective date—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: "Sections 13 and 14 of this amendatory act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. All other sections of this amendatory act shall take effect on June 1, 1982." [[1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 24](#).]

Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 23](#).]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 273: See note following RCW [28B.15.011](#).

RCW 28B.15.013

Classification as resident or nonresident student—Standards for determining domicile in the state—Presumptions—Cut-off date for classification application change.

(1) The establishment of a new domicile in the state of Washington by a person formerly domiciled in another state has occurred if such person is physically present in Washington primarily for purposes other than educational and can show satisfactory proof that such person is without a present intention to return to such other state or to acquire a domicile at some other place outside of Washington.

(2) Unless proven to the contrary it shall be presumed that:

(a) The domicile of any person shall be determined according to the individual's situation and circumstances rather than by marital status or sex.

(b) A person does not lose a domicile in the state of Washington by reason of residency in any state or country while a member of the civil or military service of this state or of the United States, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of this state or of the United States or of the high seas if that person returns to the state of Washington within one year of discharge from said service with the intent to be domiciled in the state of Washington; any resident dependent student who remains in this state when such student's parents, having theretofore been domiciled in this state for a period of one year immediately prior to the time of commencement of the first day of the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any institution, remove from this state, shall be entitled to continued classification as a resident student so long as such student's attendance (except summer sessions) at an institution in this state is continuous.

(3) To aid the institution in deciding whether a student, parent, legally appointed guardian or the person having legal custody of a student is domiciled in the state of Washington primarily for purposes other than educational, the rules adopted by the student achievement council shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) Registration or payment of Washington taxes or fees on a motor vehicle, mobile home, travel trailer, boat, or any other item of personal property owned or used by the person for which state registration or the payment of a state tax or fee is required will be a factor in considering evidence of the establishment of a Washington domicile.

(b) Permanent full time employment in Washington by a person will be a factor in considering the establishment of a Washington domicile.

(c) Registration to vote for state officials in Washington will be a factor in considering the establishment of a Washington domicile.

(4) After a student has registered at an institution such student's classification shall remain unchanged in the absence of satisfactory evidence to the contrary. A student wishing to apply for a change in classification shall reduce such evidence to writing and file it with the institution. In any case involving an application for a change from nonresident to resident status, the burden of proof shall rest with the applicant. Any change in classification, either nonresident to resident, or the reverse, shall be based upon written evidence maintained in the files of the institution and, if approved, shall take effect the semester or quarter such evidence was filed with the institution: PROVIDED, That applications for a change in classification shall be accepted up to the thirtieth calendar day following the first day of instruction of the quarter or semester for which application is made.

[2012 c 229 § 522; 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 149; 1989 c 175 § 79; 1985 c 370 § 63; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 2; 1979 ex.s. c 15 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 149 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 273 § 3.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW [28B.77.005](#).

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Effective date—1989 c 175: See note following RCW [34.05.010](#).

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW [28B.15.012](#).

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 273: See note following RCW [28B.15.011](#).

RCW 28B.15.0131

Resident tuition rates—American Indian students.

For the purposes of determining resident tuition rates, resident students shall include American Indian students who meet two conditions. First, for a period of one year immediately prior to enrollment at a state institution of higher education as defined in RCW [28B.10.016](#), the student must have been domiciled in one or a combination of the following states: Idaho; Montana; Oregon; or Washington. Second, the students must be members of one of the federally recognized Indian tribes whose traditional and customary tribal boundaries included portions of the state of Washington, or whose tribe was granted reserved lands within the state of Washington. Federal recognition of an Indian tribe shall be as determined under 25 C.F.R. by the United States bureau of Indian affairs.

Any student enrolled at a state institution of higher education as defined in RCW [28B.10.016](#) who is paying resident tuition under this section, and who has not established domicile in the state of Washington at least one year before enrollment, shall not be included in any calculation of state-funded enrollment for budgeting purposes, and no state general fund moneys shall be appropriated to a state institution of higher education for the support of such student.

[[2005 c 163 § 1](#); [1994 c 188 § 1](#).]

RCW 28B.15.0139

Resident tuition rates—Border county higher education opportunity project.

For the purposes of determining resident tuition rates, "resident student" includes a resident of Oregon, residing in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county, who meets the following conditions:

(1) The student is eligible to pay resident tuition rates under Oregon laws and has been domiciled in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county for at least ninety days immediately before enrollment at a community college located in Asotin, Benton, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Franklin, Garfield, Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, or Walla Walla county, Washington;

- (2) The student is enrolled in courses located at the Tri-Cities or Vancouver campus of Washington State University for eight credits or less; or
- (3) The student is currently domiciled in Washington and:
- (a) Was eligible to pay resident tuition rates under Oregon laws; and
 - (b) Had been domiciled in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county for at least ninety days immediately before being domiciled in Washington.

[2017 c 52 § 2; 2009 c 158 § 2; 2003 c 159 § 4; 2002 c 130 § 3; 2000 c 160 § 2; 1999 c 320 § 4.]

RCW 28B.15.014

Exemption from nonresident tuition fees differential.

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may exempt the following nonresidents from paying all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential:

(1) Any person who resides in the state of Washington and who holds a graduate service appointment designated as such by a public institution of higher education or is employed for an academic department in support of the instructional or research programs involving not less than twenty hours per week during the term such person shall hold such appointment.

(2) Any faculty member, classified staff member or administratively exempt employee holding not less than a half time appointment at an institution who resides in the state of Washington, and the dependent children and spouse of such persons.

(3) Any immigrant refugee and the spouse and dependent children of such refugee, if the refugee (a) is on parole status, or (b) has received an immigrant visa, or (c) has applied for United States citizenship.

(4) Any dependent of a member of the United States congress representing the state of Washington.

[2015 c 55 § 208; 2000 c 117 § 3; 1997 c 433 § 3; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 5; 1992 c 231 § 3. Prior: 1989 c 306 § 3; 1989 c 290 § 3; 1985 c 362 § 1; 1984 c 232 § 1; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 3; 1971 ex.s. c 273 § 4.]

NOTES:

Intent—Severability—1997 c 433: See notes following RCW **28B.15.725**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Intent—1989 c 290: See note following RCW **28B.15.725**.

Severability—1984 c 232: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [**1984 c 232 § 2**.]

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW **28B.15.012**.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 273: See note following RCW [28B.15.011](#).

RCW 28B.15.015

Classification as resident or nonresident student—Rules.

The student achievement council, with the advice of the attorney general, shall adopt rules to be used by the state's institutions for determining a student's resident and nonresident status and for recovery of fees for improper classification of residency.

[[2012 c 229 § 523](#); [2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 150](#); [1985 c 370 § 64](#); [1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 4](#).]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW [28B.77.005](#).

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW [28B.15.012](#).

RCW 28B.15.020

"Tuition fees" defined—Use.

The term "tuition fees" as used in this chapter shall mean the fees charged students registering at the state's colleges and universities which consist of:

- (1) The "building fees" as defined in RCW [28B.15.025](#); and
- (2) The "operating fees" as defined in RCW [28B.15.031](#).

[[1985 c 390 § 11](#); [1977 ex.s. c 169 § 34](#); [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.020](#). Prior: (i) 1967 ex.s. c 8 § 31, part. Formerly RCW [28.85.310](#), part. (ii) 1963 c 181 § 1, part; 1961 ex.s. c 10 § 1, part; 1959 c 186 § 1, part; 1947 c 243 § 1, part; 1945 c 187 § 1, part; 1933 c 169 § 1, part; 1931 c 48 § 1, part; 1921 c 139 § 1, part; 1919 c 63 § 1, part; 1915 c 66 § 2, part; RRS § 4546, part. Formerly RCW [28.77.030](#), part. (iii) 1963 c 180 § 1, part; 1961 ex.s. c 11 § 1, part; 1949 c 73 § 1, part; 1931 c 49 § 1, part; 1921 c 164 § 1, part; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 4569, part. Formerly RCW [28.80.030](#), part. (iv) 1967 c 47 § 10, part; 1965 ex.s. c 147 § 1, part; 1963 c 143 § 1, part; 1961 ex.s. c 13 § 3, part. Formerly RCW [28.81.080](#), part.]

NOTES:

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

RCW 28B.15.022

"Nonresident tuition fees differential" defined.

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this chapter "nonresident tuition fees differential" means the difference between resident tuition fees and nonresident tuition fees.

[1992 c 231 § 32.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW 28B.10.016.

RCW 28B.15.025

"Building fees" defined—Use.

The term "building fees" means the fees charged students registering at the state's colleges and universities, which fees are to be used as follows: At the University of Washington, solely for the purposes provided in RCW 28B.15.210; at Washington State University, solely for the purposes provided in RCW 28B.15.310; at each of the regional universities and at The Evergreen State College, solely for the purposes provided in RCW 28B.35.370; and at the community and technical colleges, for the purposes provided in RCW 28B.50.320, 28B.50.360 and 28B.50.370. The term "building fees" is a renaming of the "general tuition fee," and shall not be construed to affect otherwise moneys pledged to, or used for bond retirement purposes.

[2015 c 55 § 209; 1985 c 390 § 12.]

RCW 28B.15.031

"Operating fees"—Defined—Disposition.

(1) The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall include the fees, other than building fees, charged all students registering at the state's colleges and universities but shall not include fees for short courses, self-supporting degree credit programs and courses, marine station work, experimental station work, correspondence or extension courses, and individual instruction and student deposits or rentals, disciplinary and library fines, which colleges and universities shall have the right to impose, laboratory, gymnasium, health, technology and student activity fees, or fees, charges, rentals, and other income derived from any or all revenue producing lands, buildings and facilities of the colleges or universities heretofore or hereafter acquired, constructed or installed, including but not limited to income from rooms, dormitories, dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing or student activity buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or the appurtenances thereon, or such other special fees as may be established by any college or university board of trustees or regents from time to time. All moneys received as operating fees at any institution of higher education shall be deposited in a local account

containing only operating fees revenue and related interest: PROVIDED, That a minimum of four percent of operating fees shall be retained by four-year institutions of higher education and a minimum of three and one-half percent of operating fees shall be retained by the community and technical colleges for the purposes of RCW **28B.15.820**. At least thirty percent of operating fees required to be retained by the four-year institutions for purposes of RCW **28B.15.820** shall be used only for the purposes of RCW **28B.15.820**(10).

(2) In addition to the three and one-half percent of operating fees retained by the institutions under subsection (1) of this section, up to three percent of operating fees charged to students at community and technical colleges shall be transferred to the community and technical college innovation account for the implementation of the college board's strategic technology plan in RCW **28B.50.515**. The percentage to be transferred to the community and technical college innovation account shall be determined by the college board each year but shall not exceed three percent of the operating fees collected each year.

(3) Local operating fee accounts shall not be subject to appropriation by the legislature but shall be subject to allotment procedures by budget program and fiscal year under chapter **43.88** RCW.

[**2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 § 1**; **2012 c 230 § 6**. Prior: **2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 2**; **2011 c 274 § 2**; **2003 c 232 § 2**; **1996 c 142 § 2**; **1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 2**; prior: **1993 sp.s. c 18 § 6**; **1993 c 379 § 201**; **1987 c 15 § 2**; prior: **1985 c 390 § 13**; **1985 c 356 § 2**; **1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 12**; **1981 c 257 § 1**; **1979 c 151 § 14**; **1977 ex.s. c 331 § 3**; **1971 ex.s. c 279 § 2**.]

NOTES:

Short title—2015 3rd sp.s. c 36: "This act may be known and cited as the college affordability program." [**2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 § 13**.]

Savings report—2012 c 230: See RCW **28B.10.0291**.

Findings—Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 10: "(1) The legislature finds that in the knowledge-based, globally interdependent economy of the twenty-first century, postsecondary education is the most indispensable form of currency. Public institutions of higher education are drivers of economic growth and job creation and incubators for innovation. An educated citizenry is a critical component of our democracy, and a commitment to provide public funding for public higher education institutions is imperative. At the same time, the legislature finds that Washington state is experiencing a profound structural shift in the funding of higher education. State support has declined dramatically over the past twenty years, thereby necessitating increases in tuition to supplant the support of higher education from general taxpayers. The problem faced by all stakeholders -students and their families, institutions, and policymakers - is a growing reliance on tuition dollars and a reduced reliance on state support. At the same time, there is insufficient visibility into the use of locally retained tuition dollars. There is little transparency regarding whether increasing tuition dollars gives students, their families, and Washington taxpayers a high-value return on investment. Responding to those concerns, and recognizing that tuition-setting authority is interrelated to a wide variety of factors including state funding, student aid, admissions, dual credit, educational effectiveness, regulatory and reporting requirements, and other policies and practices, this higher education opportunity act directs a number of higher education system reforms.

(2) It is the intent of the legislature to:

(a) Ensure that tuition dollars are spent to improve student access, affordability, and the quality of education;

(b) Establish a clear nexus between tuition dollars and improved productivity and greater accountability of public institutions of higher education;

(c) Create a modern and robust higher education financial system that funds outcomes and results rather than input and process; and

(d) Continue a commitment to public funding of higher education through state appropriations that are essential for providing access, affordability, and quality in higher education for all students across the state.

(3)(a) It is the intent of the legislature to set goals for four-year institutions of higher education to increase the number of students who earn baccalaureate degrees, while maintaining quality, and achieve the following initial degree completion targets by 2018:

(i) Increasing the number of bachelor's degrees earned by Washington's resident students from the 2009-10 academic year levels by at least six thousand degrees completed or by twenty-seven percent;

(ii) Consistent with the priority for expanding the number of enrollments and degrees in the fields of engineering, technology, biotechnology, sciences, computer sciences, and mathematics, at least two thousand of the additional degrees under this subsection (3)(a) would be awarded in the areas of science, which includes agriculture and natural resources, biology and biomedical sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering and engineering technologies, health professions and clinical sciences, mathematics and statistics, and physical sciences and science technologies; and

(iii) Attaining parity in degree attainment for students from underrepresented groups, which would mean that at least nineteen percent of the degrees awarded would include students who are low-income or are the first in their families to attend college.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the bachelor degree completion targets in (a) of this subsection be updated every two years based upon the state's changing population and economic needs and that targets be set for five-year periods following the 2018 target.

(c) It is the intent of the legislature to urge four-year institutions of higher education to place the highest priority on achieving the degree completion targets under (a) of this subsection. The legislature intends to examine the strategies used and progress made by institutions of higher education to meet the targets in addition to evidence of increased cost-effectiveness and efficiency. The legislature recognizes that individual institutions develop their campus goals recognizing the role of their campus as part of the system of public higher education and may implement a variety of innovative methods to achieve these goals." [2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 1.]

Short title—2011 1st sp.s. c 10: "This act may be known and cited as the higher education opportunity act." [2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 30.]

Finding—Intent—2011 c 274: See note following RCW 28B.50.515.

Finding—Intent—2003 c 232: "The legislature finds that, as a partner in financing public higher education with students and parents who pay tuition and fees, periodic increases in state funding, state financial aid, and tuition must be authorized to provide high quality higher education for the citizens of Washington. It is the intent of the legislature to address higher education through a cooperative bipartisan effort that includes the legislative and executive branches of government, parents, students, educators, as well as business, labor, and community leaders. The legislature recognizes the importance of keeping the public commitment to public higher education and will continue searching for policies that halt the trend for the growth in tuition revenue to outpace the revenue provided by the state. The legislature believes that a well-educated citizenry is essential to both the private and the public good. The economic and civic health of the state require both an educated citizenry and a well-trained workforce. The six-year time limitation authorizing the governing boards to establish tuition rates for all students other than undergraduate resident students will give the legislature, the governor, and the higher education institutions an opportunity to determine whether this policy achieves the goal of maintaining quality and access for all who are eligible for and can benefit from a higher education. Using

data from six years of this tuition policy, the state will be able to identify options for long-term funding of higher education including not only tuition but general fund and financial aid sources." [[2003 c 232 § 1.](#)]

Severability—1996 c 142: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1996 c 142 § 4.](#)]

Effective date—1996 c 142: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [March 25, 1996]." [[1996 c 142 § 5.](#)]

Intent—Purpose—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: "It is the intent of the legislature to address higher education funding through a cooperative bipartisan effort that includes the legislative and executive branches of government, parents, students, educators, and concerned citizens. This effort will begin in 1995, with the results providing the basis for discussion during the 1996 legislative session for future decisions and final legislative action in 1997.

The purpose of this act is to provide tuition increases for public institutions of higher education as a transition measure until final action is taken in 1997." [[1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 1.](#)]

Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [June 14, 1995]." [[1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 14.](#)]

Appropriation—1993 sp.s. c 18: "All moneys in the accounts established under *RCW [28B.15.824](#) on July 1, 1993, are hereby appropriated to the respective institutions of higher education for deposit in the institution's local account established under RCW [28B.15.031.](#)" [[1993 sp.s. c 18 § 15.](#)]

***Reviser's note:** RCW [28B.15.824](#) was repealed by 1993 c 379 § 206 and by 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 14, effective July 1, 1993.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060.](#)

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1993 c 379: See notes following RCW [28B.10.029.](#)

Effective date—1987 c 15: See note following RCW [28B.15.411.](#)

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW [28B.15.012.](#)

Severability—1981 c 257: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1981 c 257 § 13.](#)]

Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 331: "The effective date of this 1977 amendatory act shall be September 1, 1977." [[1977 ex.s. c 331 § 5.](#)]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 331: "If any provision of this 1977 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1977 ex.s. c 331 § 4.](#)]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 279: See note following RCW [28B.15.005.](#)

RCW 28B.15.041

"Services and activities fees" defined.

The term "services and activities fees" as used in this chapter is defined to mean fees, other than tuition fees, charged to all students registering at the state's community colleges, technical colleges, regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and state universities. Services and activities fees shall be used as otherwise provided by law or by rule or regulation of the board of trustees or regents of each of the state's community colleges, technical colleges, The Evergreen State College, the regional universities, or the state universities for the express purpose of funding student activities and programs of their particular institution. Student activity fees, student use fees, student building use fees, special student fees, or other similar fees charged to all full time students, or to all students, as the case may be, registering at the state's colleges or universities and pledged for the payment of bonds heretofore or hereafter issued for, or other indebtedness incurred to pay, all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing or installing any lands, buildings, or facilities of the nature described in RCW 28B.10.300 as now or hereafter amended, shall be included within and deemed to be services and activities fees.

[2015 c 55 § 210; 1985 c 390 § 14; 1977 ex.s. c 169 § 35. Prior: 1973 1st ex.s. c 130 § 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 46 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 279 § 3.]

NOTES:

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW 28B.10.016.

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 46: See note following RCW 28B.10.704.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 279: See note following RCW 28B.15.005.

RCW 28B.15.043

"Services and activities fees"—Allocations from for institutional loan fund for needy students.

See RCW 28B.10.825.

RCW 28B.15.044

Services and activities fees—Legislative declaration on expenditure.

It is the intent of the legislature that students will propose budgetary recommendations for consideration by the college or university administration and governing board to the extent that such budget recommendations are intended to be funded by services and activities fees. It is also the intent of

the legislature that services and activities fee expenditures for programs devoted to political or economic philosophies shall result in the presentation of a spectrum of ideas.

[1986 c 91 § 1; 1980 c 80 § 1.]

NOTES:

Severability—1980 c 80: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1980 c 80 § 4.]

RCW 28B.15.045

Services and activities fees—Guidelines governing establishment and funding of programs supported by—Scope—Mandatory provisions—Dispute resolution.

The legislature recognizes that institutional governing boards have a responsibility to manage and protect institutions of higher education. This responsibility includes ensuring certain lawful agreements for which revenues from services and activities fees have been pledged. Such lawful agreements include, but are not limited to, bond covenant agreements and other contractual obligations. Institutional governing boards are also expected to protect the stability of programs that benefit students.

The legislature also recognizes that services and activities fees are paid by students for the express purpose of funding student services and programs. It is the intent of the legislature that governing boards ensure that students have a strong voice in recommending budgets for services and activities fees. The boards of trustees and the boards of regents of the respective institutions of higher education shall adopt guidelines governing the establishment and funding of programs supported by services and activities fees. Such guidelines shall stipulate procedures for budgeting and expending services and activities fee revenue. Any such guidelines shall be consistent with the following provisions:

(1) Student representatives from the services and activities fee committee and representatives of the college or university administration shall have an opportunity to address the board before board decisions on services and activities fee budgets and dispute resolution actions are made.

(2) Members of the governing boards shall adhere to the principle that services and activities fee committee desires be given priority consideration on funding items that do not fall into the categories of preexisting contractual obligations, bond covenant agreements, or stability for programs affecting students.

(3) Responsibility for proposing to the administration and the governing board program priorities and budget levels for that portion of program budgets that derive from services and activities fees shall reside with a services and activities fee committee, on which students shall hold at least a majority of the voting memberships, such student members shall represent diverse student interests, and shall be recommended by the student government association or its equivalent. The chairperson of the services and activities fee committee shall be selected by the members of that committee. The governing board shall insure that the services and activities fee committee provides an opportunity for all viewpoints to be heard at a public meeting during its consideration of the funding of student programs and activities.

(4) The services and activities fee committee shall evaluate existing and proposed programs and submit budget recommendations for the expenditure of those services and activities fees with supporting documents simultaneously to the college or university governing board and administration.

(5) The college or university administration shall review the services and activities fee committee budget recommendations and publish a written response to the services and activities fee committee.

This response shall outline potential areas of difference between the committee recommendations and the administration's proposed budget recommendations. This response, with supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the services and activities fee committee in a timely manner to allow adequate consideration.

(6)(a) In the event of a dispute or disputes involving the services and activities fee committee recommendations, the college or university administration shall meet with the services and activities fee committee in a good faith effort to resolve such dispute or disputes prior to submittal of final recommendations to the governing board.

(b) If said dispute is not resolved within fourteen days, a dispute resolution committee shall be convened by the chair of the services and activities fee committee within fourteen days.

(7) The dispute resolution committee shall be selected as follows: The college or university administration shall appoint two nonvoting advisory members; the governing board shall appoint three voting members; and the services and activities fee committee chair shall appoint three student members of the services and activities fee committee who will have a vote, and one student representing the services and activities fee committee who will chair the dispute resolution committee and be nonvoting. The committee shall meet in good faith, and settle by vote any and all disputes. In the event of a tie vote, the chair of the dispute resolution committee shall vote to settle the dispute.

(8) The governing board may take action on those portions of the services and activities fee budget not in dispute in accordance with the customary budget approval timeline established by the board. The governing board shall consider the results, if any, of the dispute resolution committee and shall take action.

(9) Services and activities fees and revenues generated by programs and activities funded by such fees shall be deposited and expended through the office of the chief fiscal officer of the institution.

(10) Services and activities fees and revenues generated by programs and activities funded by such fees shall be subject to the applicable policies, regulations, and procedures of the institution and the budget and accounting act, chapter **43.88** RCW.

(11) All information pertaining to services and activities fees budgets shall be made available to interested parties. Annually, by September 30th, the services and activities fees committee at each institution of higher education, in coordination with the administration of the institution of higher education, shall post services and activities fees expenditure information for the prior academic year on the college or university web site so that the information is clearly visible and easily accessible to students and the public. At a minimum, the services and activities fees budget information must include all the major categories of expenditure and the amounts expended in each category.

(12) With the exception of any funds needed for bond covenant obligations, once the budget for expending service and activities fees is approved by the governing board, funds shall not be shifted from funds budgeted for associated students or departmentally related categories or the reserve fund until the administration provides written justification to the services and activities fee committee and the governing board, and the governing board and the services and activities fee committee give their express approval. In the event of a fund transfer dispute among the services and activities fee committee, the administration, or the governing board, said dispute shall be resolved pursuant to subsections (6)(b), (7), and (8) of this section.

(13) Any service and activities fees collected which exceed initially budgeted amounts are subject to subsections (1) through (10) and (12) of this section.

[**2012 c 104 § 2; 1994 c 41 § 1; 1990 c 7 § 1; 1986 c 91 § 2; 1980 c 80 § 2.**]

NOTES:

Intent—2012 c 104: "The legislature recognizes that students play an important role in recommending how services and activities fees should be expended, as the majority of members of the

services and activities fees committee at each institution of higher education. It is the intent of the legislature to increase transparency, so that expenditures of revenue from services and activities fees are clearly visible and accessible to the students who pay those fees." [2012 c 104 § 1.]

Severability—1980 c 80: See note following RCW 28B.15.044.

RCW 28B.15.051

"Technology fees"—Defined—Use—Student government approval.

(1) The governing board of each of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, upon the written agreement of its respective student government association or its equivalent, may establish and charge each enrolled student a technology fee, separate from tuition fees. During the 1996-97 academic year, any technology fee shall not exceed one hundred twenty dollars for a full-time student. Any technology fee charged to a part-time student shall be calculated as a pro rata share of the fee charged to a full-time student.

(2) Revenue from this fee shall be used exclusively for technology resources for general student use.

(3) Only changes in the amount of the student technology fee agreed upon by both the governing board and its respective student government association or its equivalent shall be used to adjust the amount charged to students. Changes in the amount charged to students, once implemented, become the basis for future changes.

(4) Annually, the student government association or its equivalent may abolish the fee by a majority vote. In the event of such a vote, the student government association or its equivalent shall notify the governing board of the institution. The fee shall cease being collected the term after the student government association or its equivalent voted to eliminate the fee.

(5) The student government association or its equivalent shall approve the annual expenditure plan for the fee revenue.

(6) The universities and The Evergreen State College shall deposit three and one-half percent of revenues from the technology fee into the institutional financial aid fund under RCW 28B.15.820.

(7) As used in this section, "technology fee" is a fee charged to students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing and maintaining services to students that include, but need not be limited to: Access to the internet and world wide web, email, computer and multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer software, and dial-up telephone services.

(8) Prior to the establishment of a technology fee, a governing board shall provide to the student governing body a list of existing fees of a similar nature or for a similar purpose. The board and the student governing body shall ensure that student fees for technology are not duplicative.

[1996 c 142 § 1.]

NOTES:

Severability—Effective date—1996 c 142: See notes following RCW 28B.15.031.

RCW 28B.15.065

Adjustment of state appropriations for needy student financial aid.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 2158-S2.SL) ***

It is the intent of the legislature that needy students not be deprived of access to higher education due to increases in educational costs or consequent increases in tuition and fees. It is the sense of the legislature that state appropriations for student financial aid be adjusted in an amount which together with funds estimated to be available in the form of basic educational opportunity grants as authorized under Section 411 of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 as now or hereafter amended will equal twenty-four percent of any change in revenue estimated to occur as a result of revisions in tuition and fee levels under the provisions of chapter 322, Laws of 1977 ex. sess.

[1977 ex.s. c 322 § 6.]

NOTES:

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 322: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 322 § 17.]

RCW 28B.15.066

Appropriations to institutions of higher education—"Inflation" defined.

(1) Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act, the legislature shall appropriate to the state board for community and technical colleges and to each of the four-year institutions of higher education an amount that is at least equal to the total state funds appropriated in the 2013-2015 biennium and the net revenue loss from resident undergraduate tuition operating fees based on budgeted full-time equivalent enrollment received for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium under RCW 28B.15.067 (3) and (6). The net revenue loss shall be adjusted for inflation in subsequent biennia.

(2) As used in this section and RCW 28B.15.069, "inflation" shall be based on the consumer price index, using the official current base, compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor for the state of Washington. If the bureau of labor statistics develops more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the index covering the greatest number of people and covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the state shall be used.

[2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 § 2; 2003 c 232 § 3; 2000 c 152 § 2; 1999 c 309 § 932; 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 3; 1993 c 379 § 205.]

NOTES:

Short title—2015 3rd sp.s. c 36: See note following RCW 28B.15.031.

Finding—Intent—2003 c 232: See note following RCW 28B.15.031.

Severability—Effective date—1999 c 309: See notes following RCW 41.06.152.

Intent—Purpose—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1993 c 379: See notes following RCW **28B.10.029**.

RCW 28B.15.067

Tuition fees—Established.

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

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

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

(b) Beginning in the 2017-18 academic year, tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates at community and technical colleges excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW **28B.50.030**, may increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous fourteen years as the wage is determined by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

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

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

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

(c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year, the state board for community and technical college system shall consult with existing student associations or organizations with undergraduate student representation regarding the impacts of potential tuition increases. The state

board for community and technical colleges shall provide data regarding the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 § 3; 2015 c 55 § 211; 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 § 958. Prior: 2012 2nd sp.s. c 7 § 914; 2012 c 228 § 6; 2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 3; 2010 c 20 § 7; 2009 c 574 § 1; 2007 c 355 § 7; 2006 c 161 § 6; 2003 c 232 § 4; 1997 c 403 § 1; 1996 c 212 § 1; 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 4; 1992 c 231 § 4; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 413; 1986 c 42 § 1; 1985 c 390 § 15; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 15; 1981 c 257 § 2.**]

NOTES:

Short title—2015 3rd sp.s. c 36: See note following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Effective dates—2013 2nd sp.s. c 4: See note following RCW **2.68.020**.

Effective date—2012 2nd sp.s. c 7: See note following RCW **2.68.020**.

Findings—Intent—Short title—2011 1st sp.s. c 10: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Intent—2010 c 20: See note following RCW **28A.175.100**.

Finding—Intent—2007 c 355: See note following RCW [28B.50.535](#).

Effective date—2006 c 161: See note following RCW [49.04.160](#).

Finding—Intent—2003 c 232: See note following RCW [28B.15.031](#).

Severability—1996 c 212: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1996 c 212 § 2](#).]

Intent—Purpose—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28B.15.031](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW [28B.15.012](#).

Severability—1981 c 257: See note following RCW [28B.15.031](#).

RCW [28B.15.0681](#)

Information provided to students on tuition billing statements or web site—Notice of federal educational tax credits.

(1) In addition to the requirement in *RCW [28B.76.300](#)(4), institutions of higher education shall disclose to their undergraduate resident students on the tuition billing statement, in dollar figures for a full-time equivalent student:

- (a) The full cost of instruction;
- (b) The amount collected from student tuition and fees; and
- (c) The difference between the amounts for the full cost of instruction and the student tuition and fees.

(2) The tuition billing statement shall note that the difference between the cost and tuition under subsection (1)(c) of this section was paid by state tax funds and other moneys.

(3) Beginning in the 2010-11 academic year, the amount determined in subsection (1)(c) of this section shall be labeled an "opportunity pathway" on the tuition billing statement.

(4) Beginning in the 2010-11 academic year, institutions of higher education shall label financial aid awarded to resident undergraduate students as an "opportunity pathway" on the tuition billing statement or financial aid award notification. Aid granted to students outside of the financial aid package provided through the institution of higher education and loans provided by the federal government are not subject to the labeling provisions in this subsection. All other aid from all sources including federal, state, and local governments, local communities, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education must be included. The disclosure requirements specified in this section do not change the source, award amount, student eligibility, or student obligations associated with each award. Institutions of higher education retain the ability to customize their tuition billing statements to inform students of the assistance source, amount, and type so long as provisions of this section are also fulfilled.

(5) Institutions of higher education shall provide the following information to all undergraduate resident students either on the tuition billing statement or via a link to a web site detailing the following information:

(a) The sources of all institutional revenue received during the prior academic or fiscal year, including but not limited to state, federal, local, and private sources;

(b) The uses of tuition revenue collected during the prior academic or fiscal year by program category as determined by the office of financial management; and

(c) The accountability and performance data under ****RCW 28B.76.270**.

(6) The tuition billing statement disclosures shall be in twelve-point type and boldface type where appropriate.

(7) All tuition billing statements or financial aid award notifications at institutions of higher education must notify resident undergraduate students of federal tax credits related to higher education for which they may be eligible.

[**2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 4; 2009 c 215 § 6; 2007 c 151 § 2.**]

NOTES:

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW **28B.76.300** was repealed by **2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 245**.

***(2) RCW **28B.76.270** was recodified as RCW **28B.77.090** pursuant to **2012 c 229 § 904**.

Findings—Intent—Short title—2011 1st sp.s. c 10: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Findings—Intent—Effective date—2009 c 215: See notes following RCW **28B.92.030**.

Captions not law—2007 c 151: "Captions used in this act are not any part of the law." [**2007 c 151 § 3.**]

RCW 28B.15.069

Building fees—Services and activities fees—Other fees.

(1) The building fee for each academic year shall be a percentage of total tuition fees. This percentage shall be calculated by the office of financial management and be based on the actual percentage the building fee is of total tuition for each tuition category in the 1994-95 academic year, rounded up to the nearest half percent. After October 9, 2015, the dollar value of the building fee shall not be reduced below the level in the 2014-15 academic year adjusted for inflation. As used in this subsection, "inflation" has the meaning in RCW **28B.15.066(2)**.

(2) The governing boards of each institution of higher education shall charge to and collect from each student a services and activities fee. A governing board may increase the existing fee annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set forth in RCW **28B.15.045**, by amounts that shall not exceed four percent per year, judged reasonable and necessary by the services and activities fee committee and the governing board. The governing boards of the community and technical colleges may increase the existing student and activities fee annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set forth in RCW **28B.15.045**, by a percentage not to exceed the annual percentage increase in student tuition fees for resident undergraduate students: PROVIDED, That such percentage increase shall not apply to that portion of the services and activities fee previously committed to the repayment of bonded debt. These

rate adjustments may exceed the fiscal growth factor. The services and activities fee committee provided for in RCW **28B.15.045** may initiate a request to the governing board for a fee increase.

(3) Tuition and services and activities fees consistent with subsection (2) of this section shall be set by the state board for community and technical colleges for community and technical college summer school students unless the college charges fees in accordance with RCW **28B.15.515**.

(4) Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, each governing board of a community or technical college may charge such fees for ungraded courses, noncredit courses, community services courses, and self-supporting courses as it, in its discretion, may determine, consistent with the rules of the state board for community and technical colleges.

(5) The governing board of a college offering an applied baccalaureate degree program under RCW **28B.50.810** or a bachelor of science degree program described in RCW **28B.50.825** may charge tuition fees for those courses above the associate degree level at rates consistent with rules adopted by the state board for community and technical colleges, not to exceed tuition fee rates at the regional universities.

[**2018 c 202 § 1**. Prior: **2016 sp.s. c 33 § 2**; **2016 c 202 § 57**; prior: **2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 § 5**; **2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 § 945**; **2015 c 55 § 212**; **2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 § 959**; **2012 c 229 § 701**; **2005 c 258 § 10**; **2003 c 232 § 5**; **1997 c 403 § 2**; **1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 5**.]

NOTES:

Short title—2015 3rd sp.s. c 36: See note following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Effective dates—2015 3rd sp.s. c 4: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [June 30, 2015], except for section 971 (RCW **77.12.203**) of this act, which takes effect July 1, 2015." [**2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 § 1902**.]

Effective dates—2013 2nd sp.s. c 4: See note following RCW **2.68.020**.

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

Findings—Intent—2005 c 258: See note following RCW **28B.45.014**.

Finding—Intent—2003 c 232: See note following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Intent—Purpose—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

RCW **28B.15.071**

Degree program support—Change from state funding to self-supporting and fee-based.

(1) When a decision is being considered to change an existing degree program that is supported by state funding to a program that is self-supporting and fee-based, the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall:

(a) Publicly notify prospective students, including notification in admission offers with an estimate of tuition and fees;

(b) Notify enrolled students and undergraduate or graduate student government associations at least six months before implementation with an estimate of tuition and fees; and

(c) Allow students currently enrolled in the program to continue in the state-supported program structure for a consecutive amount of time no greater than four years in length.

(2)(a) The state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall each establish or designate a committee comprised of administrators, faculty, and students to create criteria upon which to evaluate, prior to a shift being made, the proposed shift of a degree program from a state-supported degree program to a self-supporting funding basis. Where possible, an existing budget or advisory committee shall be designated instead of establishing a new committee. When establishing evaluation criteria, the committee shall consider including the following:

(i) The financial health and sustainability of the program;

(ii) If moving the program to a self-supporting funding basis alters the availability of student financial aid;

(iii) The audience for the program, the format of the program, and the institutional priority for state funding of the program;

(iv) Demographics of students served and graduates practicing in typical fields of study; and

(v) Alternatives to shifting to a self-supporting funding basis including raising tuition within the state-funded context or program elimination.

(b) The committee that creates the criteria for moving a degree from a state-supported degree program to a self-supporting funding basis may also establish a process to periodically evaluate programs that have shifted from a state-supported program to a fee-based funding model for alignment with criteria established.

[2014 c 60 § 1.]

RCW 28B.15.100

Tuition and fees set by individual institutions—Limitations—Tuition and fees for certain part-time, additional time, and out-of-state students.

(1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges shall charge to and collect from each of the students registering at the particular institution for any quarter or semester such tuition fees and services and activities fees, and other fees as such board shall in its discretion determine. For the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, the total of all fees shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount: PROVIDED, That such tuition fees shall be established in accordance with RCW **28B.15.067**.

(2) Part-time students shall be charged tuition and services and activities fees proportionate to full-time student rates established for residents and nonresidents: PROVIDED, That except for students registered at community and technical colleges, students registered for fewer than two credit hours shall be charged tuition and services and activities fees at the rate established for two credit hours: PROVIDED FURTHER, That, subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, residents of Idaho or Oregon who are enrolled in community college district number twenty for six or fewer credits during any quarter or semester may be exempted from payment of all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential upon a declaration by the office of student financial assistance that it finds Washington residents from the community college district are afforded substantially equivalent treatment by such other states.

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

[**2015 c 55 § 213; 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 151; 2011 c 274 § 5; 2003 c 232 § 6; 1999 c 321 § 2; 1998 c 75 § 1; 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 8; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 7; 1992 c 231 § 6.** Prior: **1985 c 390 § 18; 1985 c 370 § 67; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 11; 1981 c 257 § 5; 1977 ex.s. c 322 § 2; 1977 ex.s. c 169 § 36; 1971 ex.s. c 279 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.100**; prior: (i) 1967 ex.s. c 8 § 31, part. Formerly RCW **28.85.310**, part. (ii) 1963 c 181 § 1, part; 1961 ex.s. c 10 § 1, part; 1959 c 186 § 1, part; 1947 c 243 § 1, part; 1945 c 187 § 1, part; 1933 c 169 § 1, part; 1931 c 48 § 1, part; 1921 c 139 § 1, part; 1919 c 63 § 1, part; 1915 c 66 § 2, part; RRS § 4546, part. Formerly RCW **28.77.030**, part. (iii) 1963 c 180 § 1, part; 1961 ex.s. c 11 § 1, part; 1949 c 73 § 1, part; 1931 c 49 § 1, part; 1921 c 164 § 1, part; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 4569, part. Formerly RCW **28.80.030**, part. (iv) 1967 c 47 § 10, part; 1965 ex.s. c 147 § 1, part; 1963 c 143 § 1, part; 1961 ex.s. c 13 § 3, part. Formerly RCW **28.81.080**, part.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

Finding—Intent—2011 c 274: See note following RCW **28B.50.515**.

Finding—Intent—2003 c 232: See note following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Intent—1999 c 321: "The legislature recognizes that certain tuition policies may have an adverse impact on the unique role of community colleges.

Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to eliminate impediments to the ability of community colleges to meet the diverse needs of students and business interests." [**1999 c 321 § 1.**]

Intent—Purpose—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW **28B.15.012**.

Severability—1981 c 257: See note following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 322: See note following RCW **28B.15.065**.

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW **28B.10.016**.

RCW 28B.15.101

Authority to modify tuition rates—Performance-based measures and goals— Institutional performance plans.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 5311-S.SL) ***

(1) To ensure institutional quality, promote access, and advance the public mission of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, the authority to increase or decrease tuition rates shall be considered within the context of performance-based measures and goals for each state university, regional university, and The Evergreen State College. By September 1, 2011, and September 1st every two years thereafter, the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall each negotiate an institutional performance plan with the office of financial management that includes expected outcomes that must be achieved by each institution in the subsequent biennium.

(2) At a minimum, an individual institutional performance plan must include but is not limited to the following expected outcomes:

- (a) Time and credits to degree;
- (b) Retention and success of students from low-income, diverse, or underrepresented communities;
- (c) Baccalaureate degree production for resident students; and
- (d) Degree production in high-employer demand programs of study and critical state need areas.

[**2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 5.**]

NOTES:

Findings—Intent—Short title—2011 1st sp.s. c 10: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

RCW 28B.15.110

Tuition and fees when joint program of four year institutions—Supplemental fees, when.

Where students at any of the four year state colleges or universities participate in a joint program undertaken by two or more of such institutions, and which leads to a degree, the tuition and fees assessed each student participating in such joint program shall be equal.

The governing board at each state four year institution shall, where the tuition and fees which it charges resident students participating in a joint program falling within the scope of this section would be less than those charged to any such students from any other state four year institution who participates in such joint program, impose a supplemental fee upon its resident students so participating in order to make the tuition and fees charged to them equal to the highest amount charged to any other resident student from a state four year institution who participates in the program. Such governing board shall,

where the tuition and fees which it charges nonresident students participating in a joint program falling within the scope of this section would be less than those charged to any such students participating from any other state four year institution who participates in such joint program, impose a supplemental fee upon its nonresident students so participating in order to make the tuition and fees charged to them equal to the highest amount charged to any other nonresident student from a state four year institution who participates in the program.

[1977 ex.s. c 126 § 1.]

NOTES:

"State universities," "regional universities," "state college," "institutions of higher education," and "postsecondary institutions" defined: RCW 28B.10.016.

RCW 28B.15.120

Board of trustees or regents—Annual budget requirements.

(1) The board of trustees or regents of each of the state's colleges and universities under RCW 28B.15.005 must specifically approve in an open public meeting, the annual budget for its programs for intercollegiate athletic competition in advance of any expenditure for that fiscal year.

(2) If a college or university's programs experience an operating deficit at the end of any fiscal year, the board of trustees or regents must:

(a) Approve a plan for how the programs will reduce operating deficits in future fiscal years;

(b) Conspicuously post to the college or university's web site the financial statements of the programs for the three prior fiscal years and the plan in (a) of this subsection. Any public records request for a copy of the financial statements or plan must be at no cost to the requester;

(c) Approve in advance any transfer exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

(d) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, approve in advance any expenditure over two hundred fifty thousand dollars that was not included in the approved annual budget, in an open public meeting.

(3) Approval of an expenditure by the board of trustees or regents may occur at the next regularly scheduled board meeting after the expenditure if the expenditure is:

(a) Time sensitive and the net fiscal impact of the expenditure results in a direct revenue gain to the program; or

(b) Required to meet an immediate public safety need.

(4) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section:

(a) "Expenditure" means any discrete purchase, payment, contract amendment, or expense, unless that expenditure is required to meet an immediate public safety need.

(b) "Operating costs" means all direct and indirect costs to operate the programs including the value of any costs that are typically charged to departments, but have been waived by the college or university. Waived costs include, but are not limited to the value of tuition waivers for student athletes and any internal or central service costs not charged to the programs.

(c) "Operating deficit" means the amount by which the aggregate operating costs of the programs exceeds the aggregated receipts and revenue directly generated by the programs in the fiscal year, plus any transfers of reserves that were originally generated directly by the athletic department account.

(d) "Programs for intercollegiate athletic competition" or "programs" means those programs established under RCW **28B.10.703**.

(e) "Transfers" means any transfer of moneys to an account used by programs for intercollegiate athletic competition from any account that holds moneys not directly generated by the programs.

[**2018 c 292 § 1.**]

RCW 28B.15.190

Student advisory committees—Consideration of student access and success in educational programs—Advising and assisting administration of four-year institutions of higher education.

(1) One student advisory committee may be formed at each four-year institution of higher education by that institution's recognized student government organization for the purpose of advising and assisting the administration of that four-year institution of higher education on issues that directly affect students' ability to access and succeed in their educational programs. Issues that the student advisory committee may consider include:

- (a) The institution's annual budget;
- (b) Tuition and fee levels;
- (c) Financial aid policies;
- (d) Long-range budget priorities and allocation planning; and
- (e) Admission and enrollment policies.

(2) Members of a student advisory committee may be appointed in a manner that is consistent with policies adopted by the recognized student government organizations at each institution. If there is both an undergraduate and graduate recognized student government organization at one institution, members of the student advisory committee may be appointed in a manner consistent with policies adopted by both organizations.

(3) The administration of each four-year institution of higher education must: (a) Make readily available all nonconfidential information, documents, and reports requested by the student advisory committee and that are necessary for the committee to provide informed recommendations; and (b) provide the opportunity to present recommendations to the boards of regents or trustees before final decisions of the administration that relate to the issues described in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) A student advisory committee must: (a) Make reasonable efforts to solicit feedback from students regarding the issues described in subsection (1) of this section and matters that are of general interest and impact students; and (b) take reasonable steps to keep students informed of deliberations and actions of the student advisory committee.

[**2013 c 218 § 4.**]

RCW 28B.15.210

Fees—University of Washington—Disposition of building fees.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 1102-S.SL) ***

Within thirty-five days from the date of collection thereof, all building fees at the University of Washington, including building fees to be charged students registering in the schools of medicine and

dentistry, shall be paid into the state treasury and credited as follows:

One-half or such larger portion as may be necessary to prevent a default in the payments required to be made out of the bond retirement fund to the "University of Washington bond retirement fund" and the remainder thereof to the "University of Washington building account." The sum so credited to the University of Washington building account shall be used exclusively for the purpose of erecting, altering, maintaining, equipping, or furnishing buildings, and for certificates of participation under chapter **39.94** RCW, except for any sums transferred as authorized in RCW **28B.20.725**(3). The sum so credited to the University of Washington bond retirement fund shall be used for the payment of principal of and interest on bonds outstanding as provided by chapter **28B.20** RCW except for any sums transferred as authorized in RCW **28B.20.725**(5). During the 2015-2017 biennium, sums credited to the University of Washington building account shall also be used for routine facility maintenance, utility costs, and facility condition assessments. During the 2017-2019 biennium, sums credited to the University of Washington building account shall also be used for routine facility maintenance, utility costs, and facility condition assessments.

[**2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 952**; **2015 3rd sp.s. c 3 § 7027**; **2013 2nd sp.s. c 19 § 7026**; **2011 1st sp.s. c 48 § 7022**. Prior: **2009 c 499 § 1**; **2009 c 497 § 6019**; **1985 c 390 § 20**; **1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.210**; prior: **1963 c 224 § 1**; **1959 c 193 § 7**; **1957 c 254 § 6**; **1947 c 243 § 2**; **1945 c 187 § 2**; **1939 c 156 § 1**; **1933 c 169 § 2**; **1921 c 139 § 2**; **1919 c 63 § 2**; **1915 c 66 § 3**; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4547. Formerly RCW **28.77.040**.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 1: See note following RCW **43.41.455**.

Effective date—2015 3rd sp.s. c 3: See note following RCW **43.160.080**.

Effective date—2013 2nd sp.s. c 19: See note following RCW **43.34.080**.

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 48: See note following RCW **39.35B.050**.

Effective date—2009 c 497: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [May 15, 2009], except for sections 6020, 6021, and 6024 through 6027 of this act which take effect July 1, 2009." [**2009 c 497 § 6055**.]

RCW **28B.15.220**

Fees—University of Washington—Disposition of special fees.

All fees except building fees shall be held by the board of regents as a revolving fund and expended for the purposes for which collected and be accounted for in accordance with law: PROVIDED, That the board of regents shall have authority to place in a separate fund or funds any or all fees or rentals exacted for the use of facilities of any dormitory, hospital, or infirmary building, and the board of regents shall have authority to pledge any or all such fees for the retirement of any bonds that may be issued for the construction of such dormitory, hospital, or infirmary building.

[1985 c 390 § 21; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.220. Prior: 1961 c 229 § 6; prior: (i) 1933 ex.s. c 24 § 1; 1921 c 139 § 3; 1919 c 63 § 3; 1915 c 66 § 4; RRS § 4548. (ii) 1947 c 64 § 2, part; 1933 ex.s. c 23 § 2, part; 1925 ex.s. c 91 § 2, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4543-2, part. Formerly RCW 28.77.050.]

RCW 28B.15.225

Exemption from fees of schools of medicine or dentistry at University of Washington—Exemption from nonresident tuition fees differential for participants in the Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, or Wyoming program at Washington State University.

Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing board of the University of Washington may exempt the following students from the payment of all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential: Students admitted to the university's school of medicine pursuant to contracts with the states of Alaska, Montana, Idaho, or Wyoming, or agencies thereof, providing for a program of regionalized medical education conducted by the school of medicine; or students admitted to the university's school of dentistry pursuant to contracts with the states of Utah, Idaho, or any other western state which does not have a school of dentistry, or agencies thereof, providing for a program of regionalized dental education conducted by the school of dentistry. The proportional cost of the program, in excess of resident student tuition and fees, will be reimbursed to the university by or on behalf of participating states or agencies. Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing board of Washington State University may exempt from payment all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential for any student admitted to the University of Washington's school of medicine and attending Washington State University as a participant in the Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, or Wyoming program in this section. Washington State University may reduce the professional student tuition for students enrolled in this program by the amount the student pays the University of Washington as a registration fee.

[1997 c 50 § 1; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 9; 1992 c 231 § 8; 1981 c 20 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 105 § 1.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW 28B.12.060.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW 28B.10.016.

RCW 28B.15.310

Fees—Washington State University—Disposition of building fees.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 1102-S.SL) ***

Within thirty-five days from the date of collection thereof, all building fees shall be paid and credited as follows: To the Washington State University bond retirement fund, one-half or such larger portion as may be necessary to prevent a default in the payments required to be made out of such bond retirement fund; and the remainder thereof to the Washington State University building account.

The sum so credited to the Washington State University building account shall be expended by the board of regents for buildings, equipment, or maintenance on the campus of Washington State University as may be deemed most advisable and for the best interests of the university, and for certificates of participation under chapter **39.94** RCW, except for any sums transferred as authorized by law. During the 2015-2017 biennium, sums credited to the Washington State University building account shall also be used for routine facility maintenance, utility costs, and facility condition assessments. During the 2017-2019 biennium, sums credited to the Washington State University building account shall also be used for routine facility maintenance, utility costs, and facility condition assessments. Expenditures so made shall be accounted for in accordance with existing law and shall not be expended until appropriated by the legislature.

The sum so credited to the Washington State University bond retirement fund shall be used to pay and secure the payment of the principal of and interest on building bonds issued by the university, except for any sums which may be transferred out of such fund as authorized by law.

[**2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 953**; **2015 3rd sp.s. c 3 § 7026**; **2013 2nd sp.s. c 19 § 7028**; **2011 1st sp.s. c 48 § 7023**. Prior: **2009 c 499 § 2**; **2009 c 497 § 6020**; **1985 c 390 § 22**; **1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.310**; prior: **1961 ex.s. c 11 § 2**; **1935 c 185 § 1**; **1921 c 164 § 2**; RRS § 4570. Formerly RCW **28.80.040**.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 1: See note following RCW **43.41.455**.

Effective date—2015 3rd sp.s. c 3: See note following RCW **43.160.080**.

Effective date—2013 2nd sp.s. c 19: See note following RCW **43.34.080**.

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 48: See note following RCW **39.35B.050**.

Effective date—2009 c 497: See note following RCW **28B.15.210**.

RCW **28B.15.380**

Exemption from payment of fees at state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College—Children and surviving spouses of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, state patrol officers, or highway workers.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 5119.SL) ***

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall exempt the following students from the payment of all tuition fees and services and activities fees:

(1) Children of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter **41.26** RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter **41.26** or **41.24** RCW, highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or volunteer fire department in this state, or was a highway worker while employed by a transportation agency: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive the exemption only if they begin their course of study at a state-supported college or university within ten years of their graduation from high school; and

(2) Surviving spouses of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter **41.26** RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter **41.26** or **41.24** RCW, highway worker, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full-time or volunteer fire department in this state, or was a highway worker while employed by a transportation agency.

(3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall report to the education data center on the annual cost of tuition fees and services and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and children under this section. The education data center shall consolidate the reports of the waived fees and annually report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature.

(4) As used in this section, "transportation agency" means any agency, department, or division of a municipal corporation, political subdivision, or other unit of local government in this state, and any agency, department, or division of state government, having as its primary function the construction and maintenance of the highways and roads within the state of Washington. Such an agency, department, or division is distinguished from a transit agency having as one of its functions the highway maintenance, including but not limited to the state department of transportation. A transportation agency under this section does not include a government contractor.

[**2015 c 46 § 1**; **2012 c 229 § 703**; **2010 c 261 § 4**; **2005 c 249 § 2**; **1993 sp.s. c 18 § 10**; **1992 c 231 § 9**; **1990 c 154 § 1**; **1985 c 390 § 23**; **1979 c 82 § 1**; **1977 ex.s. c 322 § 10**; **1977 ex.s. c 169 § 37**; **1973 1st ex.s. c 191 § 1**; **1971 ex.s. c 279 § 8**; **1969 ex.s. c 269 § 8**; **1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.380**. Prior: (i) **1947 c 46 § 1**; **1921 c 139 § 5**; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4550. Formerly RCW **28.77.070**. (ii) 1921 c 164 § 4, part; RRS § 4572, part. Formerly RCW **28.80.060**, part.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Severability—1979 c 82: "If any provision of this amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [**1979 c 82 § 3**.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 322: See note following RCW **28B.15.065**.

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Effective date—1973 1st ex.s. c 191: "This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on July 1, 1973." [**1973 1st ex.s. c 191 § 4**.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 279: See note following RCW **28B.15.005**.

*"Totally disabled" defined for certain purposes: RCW **28B.15.385**.*

RCW 28B.15.385

"Totally disabled" defined for certain purposes.

For the purposes of RCW 28B.15.380, the phrase "totally disabled" means a person who has become totally and permanently disabled for life by bodily injury or disease, and is thereby prevented from performing any occupation or gainful pursuit.

[2015 c 55 § 214; 2008 c 188 § 2; 2007 c 450 § 3; 1973 1st ex.s. c 191 § 5.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1973 1st ex.s. c 191: See note following RCW 28B.15.380.

RCW 28B.15.395

Waiver of tuition and fees for wrongly convicted persons and their children.

(1) Subject to the conditions in subsection (2) of this section and the limitations in RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges, must waive all tuition and fees for the following persons:

(a) A wrongly convicted person; and

(b) Any child or stepchild of a wrongly convicted person who was born or became the stepchild of, or was adopted by, the wrongly convicted person before compensation is awarded under RCW 4.100.060.

(2) The following conditions apply to waivers under subsection (1) of this section:

(a) A wrongly convicted person must be a Washington domiciliary to be eligible for the tuition waiver.

(b) A child must be a Washington domiciliary ages seventeen through twenty-six years to be eligible for the tuition waiver. A child's marital status does not affect eligibility.

(c) Each recipient's continued participation is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy.

(d) Tuition waivers for graduate students are not required for those who qualify under subsection (1) of this section but are encouraged.

(e) Recipients who receive a waiver under subsection (1) of this section may attend full time or part time. Total credits earned using the waiver may not exceed two hundred quarter credits, or the equivalent of semester credits.

(3) Private vocational schools and private higher education institutions are encouraged to provide waivers consistent with the terms of this section.

(4) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Child" means a biological child, stepchild, or adopted child who was born of, became the stepchild of, or was adopted by a wrongly convicted person before compensation is awarded under RCW 4.100.060.

(b) "Fees" includes all assessments for costs incurred as a condition to a student's full participation in coursework and related activities at an institution of higher education.

(c) "Washington domiciliary" means a person whose true, fixed, and permanent house and place of habitation is the state of Washington. In ascertaining whether a wrongly convicted person or child is domiciled in the state of Washington, public institutions of higher education must, to the fullest extent possible, rely upon the standards provided in RCW **28B.15.013**.

(d) "Wrongly convicted person" means a Washington domiciliary who was awarded damages under RCW **4.100.060**.

[**2015 c 55 § 215**; **2013 c 175 § 11**.]

RCW 28B.15.411

Fees—Installment payments.

Each institution of higher education, at its discretion, may offer students an optional plan to pay in advance the building fees, operating fees, and services and activities fees for any quarter or semester in periodic installments, as established by that institution of higher education.

[**1987 c 15 § 1**; **1985 c 356 § 1**.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1987 c 15: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1987." [**1987 c 15 § 3**.]

Report to legislature—1985 c 356: "Any institution of higher education offering a payment plan under RCW **28B.15.411**, shall report to the legislature by January 1, 1988, about the effectiveness of the plan and costs of administering the plan." [**1985 c 356 § 3**.]

RCW 28B.15.450

Gender equity—Intent.

The legislature finds that the ratio of women to men in intercollegiate athletics in Washington's higher education system is inequitable. It is the intent of the legislature, through additional tuition and fee waivers, to achieve gender equity in intercollegiate athletics.

[**1989 c 340 § 1**.]

RCW 28B.15.455

Gender equity—Goals.

Institutions of higher education shall strive to accomplish the following goals by June 30, 2002:

(1) Provide the following benefits and services equitably to male and female athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs: Equipment and supplies; medical services; services and insurance; transportation and per diem allowances; opportunities to receive coaching and instruction; scholarships and other forms of financial aid; conditioning programs; laundry services; assignment of game officials; opportunities for competition, publicity, and awards; and scheduling of games and practice times, including use of courts, gyms, and pools. Each institution which provides showers, toilets, lockers, or training room facilities for athletic purposes shall provide access to comparable facilities for both males and females.

(2) Provide equitable intercollegiate athletic opportunities for male and female students including opportunities to participate and to receive the benefits of the services listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Provide participants with female and male coaches and administrators to act as role models.

[1997 c 5 § 1; 1989 c 340 § 3.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1997 c 5: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 1997." [1997 c 5 § 7.]

RCW 28B.15.460

Gender equity—Tuition and fee waivers—Institutional plan for underrepresented gender class.

(1) An institution of higher education shall not grant any waivers for the purpose of achieving gender equity until the 1991-92 academic year, and may grant waivers for the purpose of achieving gender equity in intercollegiate athletic programs as authorized in RCW 28B.15.740, for the 1991-92 academic year only if the institution's governing board has adopted a plan for complying with the provisions of RCW 28B.15.455 and submitted the plan to the student achievement council.

(2)(a) Beginning in the 1992-93 academic year, an institution of higher education shall not grant any waiver for the purpose of achieving gender equity in intercollegiate athletic programs as authorized in RCW 28B.15.740 unless the institution's plan has been approved by the student achievement council.

(b) Beginning in the 1999-2000 academic year, an institution that did not provide, by June 30, 1998, athletic opportunities for an historically underrepresented gender class at a rate that meets or exceeds the current rate at which that class participates in high school athletics in Washington state shall have a new institutional plan approved by the student achievement council before granting further waivers.

(c) Beginning in the 2003-04 academic year, an institution of higher education that was not within five percent of the ratio of undergraduates described in RCW 28B.15.470 by June 30, 2002, shall have a new plan for achieving gender equity in intercollegiate athletic programs approved by the student achievement council before granting further waivers.

(3) The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) For any institution with an historically underrepresented gender class described in subsection (2)(b) of this section, provisions that ensure that by July 1, 2000, the institution shall provide athletic opportunities for the underrepresented gender class at a rate that meets or exceeds the current rate at

which that class participates in high school interscholastic athletics in Washington state not to exceed the point at which the underrepresented gender class is no longer underrepresented;

(b) For any institution with an underrepresented gender class described in subsection (2)(c) of this section, provisions that ensure that by July 1, 2004, the institution will have reached substantial proportionality in its athletic program;

(c) Activities to be undertaken by the institution to increase participation rates of any underrepresented gender class in interscholastic and intercollegiate athletics. These activities may include, but are not limited to: Sponsoring equity conferences, coaches clinics and sports clinics; and taking a leadership role in working with athletic conferences to reduce barriers to participation by those gender classes in interscholastic and intercollegiate athletics;

(d) An identification of barriers to achieving and maintaining equitable intercollegiate athletic opportunities for men and women; and

(e) Measures to achieve institutional compliance with the provisions of RCW **28B.15.455**.

[**2012 c 229 § 527; 1997 c 5 § 2; 1989 c 340 § 4.**]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

Effective date—1997 c 5: See note following RCW **28B.15.455**.

RCW **28B.15.470**

Gender equity—"Underrepresented gender class," "equitable" defined.

(1) As used in and for the limited purposes of RCW **28B.15.450** through * **28B.15.465** and **28B.15.740**, "underrepresented gender class" means female students or male students, where the ratio of participation of female or male students who are seventeen to twenty-four year old undergraduates enrolled full-time on the main campus, respectively, in intercollegiate athletics has historically been less than approximately the ratio of female to male students or male to female students, respectively, enrolled as undergraduates at an institution.

(2) As used in and for the limited purpose of RCW **28B.15.460**(3)(a), an "underrepresented gender class" in interscholastic athletics means female students or male students, where the ratio of participation of female or male students, respectively, in K-12 interscholastic athletics has historically been less than approximately the ratio of female to male students or male to female students, respectively, enrolled in K-12 public schools in Washington.

(3) As used in and for the limited purposes of RCW **28B.15.460**, "equitable" means that the ratio of female and male students participating in intercollegiate athletics is substantially proportionate to the percentages of female and male students who are seventeen to twenty-four year old undergraduates enrolled full time on the main campus.

[**1997 c 5 § 4; 1989 c 340 § 6.**]

NOTES:

*Reviser's note: RCW 28B.15.465 was repealed by 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 245.

Effective date—1997 c 5: See note following RCW 28B.15.455.

RCW 28B.15.475

Gender equity—Construction—1989 c 340.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to excuse any institution from any more stringent requirement to achieve gender equity imposed by law, nor to permit any institution to decrease participation of any underrepresented gender class.

[1989 c 340 § 7.]

RCW 28B.15.515

Community and technical colleges—State-funded enrollment levels—Summer school—Enrollment level variances.

(1) The boards of trustees of the community and technical college districts may operate summer schools on either a self-supporting or a state-funded basis.

If summer school is operated on a self-supporting basis, the fees charged shall be retained by the colleges, and shall be sufficient to cover the direct costs, which are instructional salaries and related benefits, supplies, publications, and records.

Community and technical colleges that have self-supporting summer schools shall continue to receive general fund state support for vocational programs that require that students enroll in a four quarter sequence of courses that includes summer quarter due to clinical or laboratory requirements and for ungraded courses limited to adult basic education, vocational apprenticeship, aging and retirement, small business management, industrial first aid, and parent education.

(2) The board of trustees of a community or technical college district may permit the district's state-funded, full-time equivalent enrollment level, as provided in the omnibus state appropriations act, to vary. If the variance is above the state-funded level, the district may charge those students above the state-funded level a fee equivalent to the amount of tuition and fees that are charged students enrolled in state-funded courses. These fees shall be retained by the colleges.

(3) The state board for community and technical colleges shall ensure compliance with this section.

[2015 c 55 § 216. Prior: 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 13; 1993 sp.s. c 15 § 8; 1991 c 353 § 1.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW 28B.12.060.

Findings—Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 15: See notes following RCW 28B.10.776.

Effective date—1991 c 353: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 15, 1991." [**1991 c 353 § 3.**]

RCW 28B.15.520

Waiver of fees and nonresident tuition fees—Community and technical colleges.

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the community and technical colleges:

(1) May waive all or a portion of tuition fees and services and activities fees for students nineteen years of age or older who are eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW **28B.15.012** through **28B.15.015**, who enroll in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish their high school education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate, but who are not eligible students as defined by RCW **28A.600.405**;

(2)(a) Shall waive all of tuition fees and services and activities fees for:

(i) Children of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter **41.26** RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter **41.26** or **41.24** RCW, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive the waiver only if they begin their course of study at a community or technical college within ten years of their graduation from high school; and

(ii) Surviving spouses of any law enforcement officer as defined in chapter **41.26** RCW, firefighter as defined in chapter **41.26** or **41.24** RCW, or Washington state patrol officer who lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer fire department in this state.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "totally disabled" means a person who has become totally and permanently disabled for life by bodily injury or disease, and is thereby prevented from performing any occupation or gainful pursuit.

(c) The governing boards of the community and technical colleges shall report to the state board for community and technical colleges on the annual cost of tuition fees and services and activities fees waived for surviving spouses and children under (a) of this subsection. The state board for community and technical colleges shall consolidate the reports of the waived fees and annually report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature; and

(3) May waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential for:

(a) Nonresident students enrolled in a community or technical college course of study or program which will enable them to finish their high school education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate but who are not eligible students as defined by RCW **28A.600.405**. The waiver shall be in effect only for those courses which lead to a high school diploma or certificate; and

(b) Up to forty percent of the students enrolled in the regional education program for deaf students, subject to federal funding of such program.

[**2015 c 55 § 217; 2010 c 261 § 5; 2007 c 355 § 6; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 16; 1992 c 231 § 12; 1990 c 154 § 2; 1987 c 390 § 1.** Prior: **1985 c 390 § 26; 1985 c 198 § 1; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 8; 1979 ex.s. c 148 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 191 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 279 § 12; 1970 ex.s. c 59 § 8; 1969 ex.s. c 261 § 29.** Formerly RCW **28.85.310**, part.]

NOTES:

Finding—Intent—2007 c 355: See note following RCW [28B.50.535](#).

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW [28B.15.012](#).

Effective date—1973 1st ex.s. c 191: See note following RCW [28B.15.380](#).

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 279: See note following RCW [28B.15.005](#).

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 59: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1970 ex.s. c 59 § 11](#).]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 261: See note following RCW [28B.50.020](#).

GED test, eligibility: RCW [28A.305.190](#).

"Totally disabled" defined for certain purposes: RCW [28B.15.385](#).

RCW [28B.15.522](#)

Waiver of tuition and fees for long-term unemployed or underemployed persons—Community and technical colleges.

(1) The governing boards of the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities fees for persons under subsection (2) of this section pursuant to the following conditions:

(a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on a space available basis and new course sections shall not be created as a result of the registration;

(b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports, nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics which would affect budgetary determinations; and

(c) Persons who enroll under this section shall have the same access to support services as do all other students and shall be subject to all course prerequisite requirements.

(2) A person is eligible for the waiver under subsection (1) of this section if the person:

(a) Meets the requirements for a resident student under RCW [28B.15.011](#) through [28B.15.015](#);

(b) Is twenty-one years of age or older;

(c) At the time of initial enrollment under subsection (1) of this section, has not attended an institution of higher education for the previous six months;

(d) Is not receiving or is not entitled to receive unemployment compensation of any nature under Title [50](#) RCW; and

(e) Has an income at or below the need standard established under chapter [74.04](#) RCW by the department of social and health services.

(3) The state board for community and technical colleges shall adopt rules to carry out this section.

[2015 c 55 § 218; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 17; 1992 c 231 § 13; 1985 c 390 § 27; 1984 c 50 § 2.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Intent—1984 c 50: "The legislature finds that providing educational opportunities to the long-term unemployed and underemployed is a valuable incentive to these individuals to reestablish themselves as contributing members of society. To this end, the legislature finds that creating the opportunity for these people to attend the state's community colleges on a space available basis, without charge, will provide the impetus for self-improvement without drawing upon the limited resources of the state or its institutions." [**1984 c 50 § 1.**]

Severability—1984 c 50: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [**1984 c 50 § 4.**]

RCW **28B.15.524**

Community college international student exchange program.

The community college international student exchange program is hereby established.

[**1987 c 12 § 1.**]

RCW **28B.15.526**

Community college international student exchange program—Resident tuition for participants authorized.

The legislature intends to permit the governing boards of the community colleges to charge resident tuition and fees for students of foreign nations who are participants in the international student exchange program.

[**1987 c 12 § 2.**]

RCW **28B.15.527**

Waiver of nonresident tuition fees differential for students of foreign nations—Community colleges.

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the community colleges may waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential for undergraduate students of foreign

nations as follows:

(1) Priority in the awarding of waivers shall be given to students on academic exchanges and students participating in special programs recognized through formal agreements between states, cities, or institutions;

(2) The waiver programs under this section shall promote reciprocal placements and waivers in foreign nations for Washington residents. The number of foreign students granted waivers through this program shall not exceed the number of that institution's own students enrolled in approved study programs abroad during the same period;

(3) No reciprocal placements shall be required for up to thirty students participating in the Georgetown University scholarship program funded by the United States agency for international development;

(4) Participation shall be limited to one hundred full-time foreign students each year.

[1993 sp.s. c 18 § 18; 1992 c 231 § 14; 1989 c 245 § 5; 1987 c 12 § 3.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

Analyses—1989 c 245: See note following RCW [43.41.415](#).

RCW [28B.15.540](#)

Waiver of tuition and fees for residents sixty years of age or older—Limitations.

Consistent with the regulations and procedures established by the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College and the state board for community and technical colleges, each institution may for Washington residents who are sixty years of age or older:

(1) Waive, in whole or in part, the tuition and services and activities fees for students who qualify under this section and who are enrolled for credit, and

(2) Waive, in whole or in part, the tuition and services and activities fees for students who qualify under this section, but charge a nominal fee not to exceed five dollars per quarter, or semester, as the case may be, for such students who are enrolled on an audit basis: PROVIDED, That residents enrolling with fee exemptions under this section shall register for not more than two quarter or semester courses at one time on a space available basis, and no new course sections shall be created as a direct result of such registration: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such waivers shall not be available to students who plan to use the course credits gained thereby for increasing credentials or salary schedule increases: PROVIDED FURTHER, That enrollment information concerning fee exemptions awarded under this section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information but shall not be included in official enrollment reports: PROVIDED, That persons who enroll pursuant to provisions of this section shall not be considered for any purpose in determining student-teacher ratio, nor for any purpose relating to enrollment totals, nor any other statistic which would affect budgetary determinations. Persons enrolling under the provisions of this section shall have, in equal with all other students, access to course counseling services and shall be subject to all course prerequisite requirements.

[1992 c 231 § 16; 1985 c 390 § 29; 1975 1st ex.s. c 157 § 2.]

NOTES:

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Purpose—1975 1st ex.s. c 157: "In recognition of the worthwhile goal of making education a lifelong process, it is the declared desire of the legislature to promote the availability of postsecondary education for the state's older residents." [**1975 1st ex.s. c 157 § 1.**]

RCW **28B.15.543**

Grants for undergraduate coursework for recipients of the Washington scholars award.

Students named by the office of student financial assistance after June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW **28A.600.100** through **28A.600.150** shall be eligible to receive a grant for undergraduate coursework as authorized under RCW **28B.76.660**.

[**2015 c 55 § 219; 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 152; 2004 c 275 § 49; 1995 1st sp.s. c 5 § 2; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 19; 1992 c 231 § 17; 1990 c 33 § 558; 1987 c 465 § 2.** Prior: **1985 c 390 § 30; 1985 c 370 § 68; 1985 c 341 § 16; 1984 c 278 § 17.**]

NOTES:

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

Part headings not law—2004 c 275: See note following RCW **28B.76.090**.

Severability—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 5: See notes following RCW **28A.600.130**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Purpose—Statutory references—Severability—1990 c 33: See RCW **28A.900.100** through **28A.900.102**.

Application—1987 c 465 § 2: "The amendments to RCW **28B.15.543** by section 2, chapter 465, Laws of 1987 shall apply to persons holding the Washington scholars award as of July 26, 1987, as well as persons holding the award after July 26, 1987." [**1987 c 465 § 3.**]

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW **28A.185.010**.

RCW 28B.15.544

Waiver of nonresident tuition fees differential for western undergraduate exchange program students.

Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, and Central Washington University may waive all or a portion of the difference between fifty percent of the resident tuition and fees amount and the nonresident tuition fees differential for nonresident students who enroll under the western interstate commission for higher education western undergraduate exchange program.

[1999 c 344 § 2.]

NOTES:

Findings—Intent—1999 c 344: "The legislature finds that policies that encourage regional planning and access to higher education benefit both the students and the state. Such policies improve access, reduce unnecessary duplication, and make higher education more cost-effective. The western undergraduate exchange program, coordinated by the western interstate commission for higher education is a program through which students in participating states may enroll in designated institutions in other participating states at a special, reduced tuition level. During the 1998-99 school year institutions in fifteen western states participated in the western undergraduate exchange program, including Washington's bordering states of Oregon and Idaho. Eastern Washington University participated on a pilot basis. It is the intent of the legislature to permit Washington's institutions of higher education to participate in the western undergraduate exchange program." [1999 c 344 § 1.]

RCW 28B.15.545

Grants for undergraduate coursework for recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence.

Students named by the workforce training and education coordinating board after June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.550 shall be eligible to receive a grant for undergraduate coursework as authorized under RCW 28B.76.670.

[2015 c 55 § 220; 2004 c 275 § 50; 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 § 7; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 20; 1992 c 231 § 18; 1987 c 231 § 1; 1985 c 390 § 31; 1984 c 267 § 6.]

NOTES:

Part headings not law—2004 c 275: See note following RCW 28B.76.090.

Severability—1995 1st sp.s. c 7: See note following RCW 28C.04.520.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

RCW 28B.15.555

Waiver of tuition and fees for students of foreign nations—Intent.

The legislature intends to permit the governing boards of the four-year institutions of higher education to waive tuition and fees for certain students of foreign nations. To the greatest extent possible, students chosen for these waivers and for the institutions' own approved study abroad programs shall reflect the range of socioeconomic and ethnic characteristics of the students' institutions and native countries.

[[1986 c 232 § 1](#).]

RCW 28B.15.556

Waiver of tuition and fees for students of foreign nations—Authorized—Limitations.

Subject to the limitations of RCW [28B.15.910](#), the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College may waive all or a portion of the tuition , and services and activities fees for undergraduate or graduate students of foreign nations subject to the following limitations:

- (1) No more than the equivalent of one hundred waivers may be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students of foreign nations at each of the two state universities;
- (2) No more than the equivalent of twenty waivers may be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students of foreign nations at each of the regional universities and The Evergreen State College;
- (3) Priority in the awarding of waivers shall be given to students on academic exchanges or academic special programs sponsored by recognized international educational organizations; and
- (4) An undergraduate or graduate student of a foreign nation receiving a waiver under this section is not eligible for any other waiver.

The waiver programs under this section, to the greatest extent possible, shall promote reciprocal placements and waivers in foreign nations for Washington residents. The number of waivers awarded by each institution shall not exceed the number of that institution's own students enrolled in approved study programs abroad during the same period.

[[1993 sp.s. c 18 § 21](#); [1992 c 231 § 19](#); [1986 c 232 § 2](#).]

NOTES:

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

RCW 28B.15.558

Waiver of tuition and fees for state employees and educational employees.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 1139-S2.SL) ***

(1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this section and teachers, other certificated instructional staff under subsection (3) of this section, and K-12 classified staff under subsection (4) of this section. The enrollment of these persons is pursuant to the following conditions:

(a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created as a result of the registration;

(b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports, nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that would affect budgetary determinations; and

(c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be charged a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following employee classifications:

(a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter **41.06** RCW;

(b) Permanent employees governed by chapter **41.56** RCW pursuant to the exercise of the option under *RCW **41.56.201**;

(c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional employees of technical colleges; and

(d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined in RCW **28B.10.016**.

(3) The waivers available to state employees under this section shall also be available to teachers and other certificated instructional staff employed at public common and vocational schools, holding or seeking a valid endorsement and assignment in a state-identified shortage area.

(4) The waivers available under this section shall also be available to classified staff employed at K-12 public schools when used for coursework relevant to the work assignment.

(5) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the institution.

(6) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the program.

(7) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and employees who are employed half-time or more.

[**2016 c 233 § 18**; **2015 c 55 § 221**; **2007 c 461 § 1**; **2005 c 249 § 4**; **2003 c 160 § 2**; **1997 c 211 § 1**; **1996 c 305 § 3**; **1992 c 231 § 20**; **1990 c 88 § 1**.]

NOTES:

*Reviser's note: RCW **41.56.201** was repealed by 2002 c 354 § 403, effective July 1, 2005.

Finding—Intent—2003 c 160: "The legislature finds that military and naval veterans who have served their country in wars on foreign soil have risked their own lives to defend both the lives of all Americans and the freedom that define[s] and distinguish[es] our nation. It is the intent of the legislature to honor veterans of the Korean conflict for the public service they have provided to their country." [[2003 c 160 § 1.](#)]

Effective date—1996 c 305 § 3: "Section 3 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [March 30, 1996]." [[1996 c 305 § 4.](#)]

Severability—1996 c 305: See note following RCW [28B.85.020](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

RCW 28B.15.600

Refunds or cancellation of fees—Four-year institutions of higher education.

(1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College may refund or cancel in full the tuition and services and activities fees if the student withdraws from a university or college course or program prior to the sixth day of instruction of the quarter or semester for which the fees have been paid or are due. If the student withdraws on or after the sixth day of instruction, the governing boards may refund or cancel up to one-half of the fees, provided such withdrawal occurs within the first thirty calendar days following the beginning of instruction. However, if a different policy is required by federal law in order for the institution of higher education to maintain eligibility for federal funding of programs, the governing board may adopt a refund policy that meets the minimum requirements of the federal law, and the policy may treat all students attending the institution in the same manner. Additionally, if federal law provides that students who receive federal financial aid must return a larger amount to the federal government than that refunded by the institution, the governing board may adopt a refund policy that uses the formula used to calculate the amount returned to the federal government, and the policy may treat all students attending the institution in the same manner.

(2) The governing boards of the respective universities and college may adopt rules for the refund of tuition and fees for courses or programs that begin after the start of the regular quarter or semester.

(3) The governing boards may extend the refund or cancellation period for students who withdraw for medical reasons, shall adopt policies that comply with RCW [28B.10.270](#) for students who are called into the military service of the United States, and may refund other fees pursuant to such rules as they may prescribe.

[[2004 c 161 § 2](#); [2003 c 319 § 1](#); [1995 c 36 § 1](#); [1993 sp.s. c 18 § 22](#); [1991 c 164 § 5](#); [1985 c 390 § 32](#); [1983 c 256 § 1](#); [1977 ex.s. c 169 § 40](#); [1973 1st ex.s. c 46 § 2](#); [1971 ex.s. c 279 § 15](#); [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.600](#). Prior: [1963 c 89 § 1](#). Formerly RCW [28.76.430](#).]

NOTES:

Effective date—2004 c 161: See note following RCW [28B.10.270](#).

Effective date—1995 c 36: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 13, 1995]." [[1995 c 36 § 3.](#)]

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW [28B.12.060](#).

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW [28B.10.016](#).

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 46: See note following RCW [28B.10.704](#).

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 279: See note following RCW [28B.15.005](#).

RCW [28B.15.605](#)

Refunds or cancellation of fees—Community colleges and technical colleges.

(1) The governing boards of the community colleges and technical colleges shall refund or cancel up to one hundred percent but no less than eighty percent of the tuition and services and activities fees if the student withdraws from a college course or program before the sixth day of instruction of the regular quarter for which the fees have been paid or are due. If the student withdraws on or after the sixth day of instruction, the governing boards shall refund or cancel up to fifty percent but no less than forty percent of the fees provided such withdrawal occurs within the first twenty calendar days following the beginning of instruction. However, if a different policy is required by federal law in order for the college to maintain eligibility for federal funding of programs, the governing board may adopt a refund policy that meets the minimum requirements of the federal law and the policy may treat all students attending the institution in the same manner.

(2) The governing boards of the respective community college or technical college shall adopt rules consistent with subsection (1) of this section for the refund of tuition and fees for the summer quarter and for courses or programs that begin after the start of the regular quarter.

(3) The governing boards of community colleges and technical colleges may extend the refund or cancellation period for students who withdraw for medical reasons and shall adopt policies that comply with RCW [28B.10.270](#) for students who are called into the military service of the United States.

[[2004 c 161 § 3](#); [1995 c 36 § 2](#).]

NOTES:

Effective date—2004 c 161: See note following RCW [28B.10.270](#).

Effective date—1995 c 36: See note following RCW [28B.15.600](#).

RCW [28B.15.610](#)

Voluntary fees of students.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to or affect any student fee or charge which the students voluntarily maintain upon themselves for student purposes only. Students are authorized to create or increase voluntary student fees for each academic year when passed by a majority vote of the student government or its equivalent, or referendum presented to the student body or such other process that has been adopted under this section. Notwithstanding RCW **42.17A.635** (2) and (3), voluntary student fees imposed under this section and services and activities fees may be used for lobbying by a student government association or its equivalent and may also be used to support a statewide or national student organization or its equivalent that may engage in lobbying.

[**2011 c 60 § 11**; **2009 c 179 § 1**; **1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28B.15.610**. Prior: **1915 c 66 § 8**; RRS § 4552. Formerly RCW **28.77.065**.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2011 c 60: See RCW **42.17A.919**.

RCW **28B.15.615**

Exemption from resident operating fees and technology fees for persons holding graduate service appointments.

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities and the regional universities may exempt the following students from paying all or a portion of the resident operating fee and the technology fee: Students granted a graduate service appointment, designated as such by the institution, involving not less than twenty hours of work per week. The exemption shall be for the term of the appointment.

[**1996 c 142 § 3**; **1993 sp.s. c 18 § 23**; **1992 c 231 § 21**; **1984 c 105 § 1**.]

NOTES:

Severability—Effective date—1996 c 142: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

RCW **28B.15.621**

Tuition waivers and textbook stipends—Veterans and national guard members—Dependents—Private institutions.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 2158-S2.SL) ***

(1) The legislature finds that active military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members called to active duty have served their country and have risked their lives to defend the lives of all Americans and the freedoms that define and distinguish our nation. The legislature intends to honor active military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members who have served on active military or naval duty for the public service they have provided to this country.

(2) Subject to the limitations in RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges, may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for an eligible veteran or national guard member.

(3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges, may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for a military or naval veteran who is a Washington domiciliary, but who did not serve on foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters and who does not qualify as an eligible veteran or national guard member under subsection (8) of this section. However, there shall be no state general fund support for waivers granted under this subsection.

(4) Subject to the conditions in subsection (5) of this section and the limitations in RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges, shall waive all tuition and fees for the following persons:

(a) A child and the spouse or the domestic partner or surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; and

(b) A child and the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner of an eligible veteran or national guard member who lost his or her life as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service.

(5) The conditions in this subsection (5) apply to waivers under subsection (4) of this section.

(a) A child must be a Washington domiciliary between the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for the tuition waiver. A child's marital status does not affect eligibility.

(b)(i) A surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner must be a Washington domiciliary.

(ii) Except as provided in (b)(iii) of this subsection, a surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner has ten years from the date of the death, total disability, or federal determination of prisoner of war or missing in action status of the eligible veteran or national guard member to receive benefits under the waiver. Upon remarriage or registration in a subsequent domestic partnership, the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner is ineligible for the waiver of all tuition and fees.

(iii) If a death results from total disability, the surviving spouse has ten years from the date of death in which to receive benefits under the waiver.

(c) Each recipient's continued participation is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy.

(d) Tuition waivers for graduate students are not required for those who qualify under subsection (4) of this section but are encouraged.

(e) Recipients who receive a waiver under subsection (4) of this section may attend full-time or part-time. Total credits earned using the waiver may not exceed two hundred quarter credits, or the equivalent of semester credits.

(f) Subject to amounts appropriated, recipients who receive a waiver under subsection (4) of this section shall also receive a stipend for textbooks and course materials in the amount of five hundred dollars per academic year, to be divided equally among academic terms and prorated for part-time enrollment.

(6) Required waivers of all tuition and fees under subsection (4) of this section shall not affect permissive waivers of tuition and fees under subsection (3) of this section.

(7) Private vocational schools and private higher education institutions are encouraged to provide waivers consistent with the terms in subsections (2) through (5) of this section.

(8) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section.

(a) "Child" means a biological child, adopted child, or stepchild.

(b) "Eligible veteran or national guard member" means a Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a national guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service, under either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge.

(c) "Totally disabled" means a person who has been determined to be one hundred percent disabled by the federal department of veterans affairs.

(d) "Washington domiciliary" means a person whose true, fixed, and permanent house and place of habitation is the state of Washington. "Washington domiciliary" includes a person who is residing in rental housing or residing in base housing. In ascertaining whether a child or surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner is domiciled in the state of Washington, public institutions of higher education shall, to the fullest extent possible, rely upon the standards provided in RCW **28B.15.013**.

(9) As used in subsection (4) of this section, "fees" includes all assessments for costs incurred as a condition to a student's full participation in coursework and related activities at an institution of higher education.

(10) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges shall report to the higher education committees of the legislature by November 15, 2010, and every two years thereafter, regarding the status of implementation of the waivers under subsection (4) of this section. The reports shall include the following data and information:

(a) Total number of waivers;

(b) Total amount of tuition waived;

(c) Total amount of fees waived;

(d) Average amount of tuition and fees waived per recipient;

(e) Recipient demographic data that is disaggregated by distinct ethnic categories within racial subgroups; and

(f) Recipient income level, to the extent possible.

[**2018 c 129 § 1**; **2017 c 127 § 1**; **2015 c 55 § 222**; **2009 c 316 § 1**. Prior: **2008 c 188 § 1**; **2008 c 6 § 501**; **2007 c 450 § 1**; **2005 c 249 § 1**.]

NOTES:

Part headings not law—Severability—2008 c 6: See RCW **26.60.900** and **26.60.901**.

RCW **28B.15.622**

Waiver of fees—Persons eligible to participate in the department of defense tuition assistance program.

For military service members eligible to participate in the United States department of defense tuition assistance program, the governing boards of the community and technical colleges, the state

universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College may waive all or a portion of the following fees not covered by that program:

- (1) Building fees as defined in RCW **28B.15.025**; and
- (2) Services and activities fees as defined in RCW **28B.15.041**.

[2015 c 143 § 1.]

RCW 28B.15.624

Early course registration period for eligible veterans and national guard members. (Expires August 1, 2022.)

(1) Beginning in the 2013-14 academic year, institutions of higher education that offer an early course registration period for any segment of the student population must have a process in place to offer students who are eligible veterans or national guard members early course registration as follows:

- (a) New students who are eligible veterans or national guard members and who have completed all of their admission processes must be offered an early course registration period; and
- (b) Continuing and returning former students who are eligible veterans or national guard members and who have met current enrollment requirements must be offered early course registration among continuing students with the same level of class standing or credit as determined by the attending institution and according to institutional policies.

(2) Beginning in the 2015-16 academic year, the early course registration process available for eligible veterans or national guard members in subsection (1) of this section must be offered to spouses receiving veteran education benefits.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "eligible veterans or national guard members" has the definition in RCW **28B.15.621**.

(4) This section expires August 1, 2022.

[2015 c 14 § 1; 2013 c 67 § 1.]

RCW 28B.15.625

Rights of Washington national guard and other military reserve students called to active service.

Private vocational schools and private higher education institutions are encouraged to provide students who are members of the Washington national guard or any other military reserve component and who are ordered for a period exceeding thirty days into active state service or federal active military service the same rights and opportunities provided under RCW **28B.10.270** by public higher education institutions.

[2004 c 161 § 4; 1991 c 164 § 10.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2004 c 161: See note following RCW **28B.10.270**.

RCW 28B.15.700

Nonresident tuition fees—Exemption under Western regional higher education compact contracts.

See RCW 28B.70.050.

RCW 28B.15.725

Home tuition programs.

(1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College may establish home tuition programs by negotiating home tuition agreements with an out-of-state institution or consortium of institutions of higher education if no loss of tuition and fee revenue occurs as a result of the agreements.

(2) Home tuition agreements allow students at Washington state institutions of higher education to attend an out-of-state institution of higher education as part of a student exchange. Students participating in a home tuition program shall pay an amount equal to their regular, full-time tuition and required fees to either the Washington institution of higher education or the out-of-state institution of higher education depending upon the provisions of the particular agreement. Payment of course fees in excess of generally applicable tuition and required fees must be addressed in each home tuition agreement to ensure that the instructional programs of the Washington institution of higher education do not incur additional uncompensated costs as a result of the exchange.

(3) Student participation in a home tuition agreement authorized by this section is limited to one academic year.

(4) Students enrolled under a home tuition agreement shall reside in Washington state for the duration of the program, may not use the year of enrollment under this program to establish Washington state residency, and are not eligible for state financial aid.

[1997 c 433 § 4; 1994 c 234 § 1; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 26; 1992 c 231 § 24; 1989 c 290 § 2.]

NOTES:

Intent—1997 c 433: "It is the intent of the legislature to provide for diverse educational opportunities at the state's institutions of higher education and to facilitate student participation in educational exchanges with institutions outside the state of Washington. To accomplish this, this act establishes a home tuition program allowing students at Washington state institutions of higher education to take advantage of out-of-state and international educational opportunities while paying an amount equal to their regularly charged tuition and required fees." [1997 c 433 § 1.]

Severability—1997 c 433: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1997 c 433 § 6.]

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW 28B.12.060.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW 28B.10.016.

Intent—1989 c 290; 1994 c 234: "The legislature recognizes that a unique educational experience can result from an undergraduate student attending an out-of-state institution. It also recognizes that some Washington residents may be unable to pursue such out-of-state enrollment owing to their limited financial resources and the higher cost of nonresident tuition. The legislature intends to facilitate expanded nonresident undergraduate enrollment opportunities for residents of the state by authorizing the governing boards of the four-year institutions of higher education to enter into exchange programs with other states' institutions with comparable programs wherein the participating institutions agree that visiting undergraduate students will pay resident tuition rates of the host institutions." [[1994 c 234 § 2](#); [1989 c 290 § 1](#).]

RCW 28B.15.730

Waiver of nonresident tuition fees differential—Washington/Oregon reciprocity program.

Subject to the limitations of [RCW 28B.15.910](#), the state board for community and technical colleges and the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, the community colleges, and The Evergreen State College may waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential for residents of Oregon, upon completion of and to the extent permitted by an agreement between the governing boards of the respective individual institutions of higher education or the state board for community and technical colleges and appropriate officials and agencies in Oregon granting similar waivers for residents of the state of Washington.

[[2012 c 229 § 704](#); [1993 sp.s. c 18 § 27](#); [1992 c 231 § 25](#); [1985 c 370 § 69](#); [1983 c 104 § 1](#); [1979 c 80 § 1](#).]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following [RCW 28B.77.005](#).

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following [RCW 28B.12.060](#).

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following [RCW 28B.10.016](#).

Severability—1979 c 80: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1979 c 80 § 5](#).]

RCW 28B.15.734

Washington/Oregon reciprocity tuition and fee program—Implementation agreement.

The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and technical colleges may enter into an agreement with appropriate officials or agencies in Oregon to implement the provisions of RCW **28B.15.730** through **28B.15.734**.

[**2012 c 229 § 705; 1985 c 370 § 71; 1979 c 80 § 3.**]

NOTES:

Effective date—**2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904**: See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

Severability—**1979 c 80**: See note following RCW **28B.15.730**.

RCW **28B.15.740**

Limitation on total tuition and fee waivers.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 2158-S2.SL) ***

(1) Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for needy students who are eligible for resident tuition and fee rates pursuant to RCW **28B.15.012** and **28B.15.013**. Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for other students at the discretion of the governing boards, except on the basis of participation in intercollegiate athletic programs, not to exceed three-fourths of one percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue under RCW **28B.15.910** for the community and technical colleges considered as a whole and not to exceed two percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue for the other institutions of higher education.

(2) In addition to the tuition and fee waivers provided in subsection (1) of this section and subject to the provisions of RCW **28B.15.455**, **28B.15.460**, and **28B.15.910**, a total dollar amount of tuition and fee waivers awarded by any state university, regional university, or state college under this chapter, not to exceed one percent, as calculated in subsection (1) of this section, may be used for the purpose of achieving or maintaining gender equity in intercollegiate athletic programs. At any institution that has an underrepresented gender class in intercollegiate athletics, any such waivers shall be awarded:

(a) First, to members of the underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers result in saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs for the underrepresented gender class. Such saved or displaced money shall be used for programs for the underrepresented gender class; and

(b) Second, (i) to nonmembers of the underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers result in saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs for members of the underrepresented gender class. Such saved or displaced money shall be used for programs for the underrepresented gender class; or (ii) to members of the underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers do not result in any saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs for members of the underrepresented gender class.

[2015 c 55 § 223; 1997 c 207 § 1; 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 9; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 28; 1992 c 231 § 26; 1989 c 340 § 2; 1986 c 232 § 3; 1985 c 390 § 33; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 9; 1980 c 62 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 262 § 1.]

NOTES:

Intent—Purpose—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW **28B.15.012**.

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 262: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [**1979 ex.s. c 262 § 5**.]

RCW 28B.15.750

Waiver of nonresident tuition fees differential—Washington/Idaho reciprocity program.

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College and the state board for community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential for residents of Idaho, upon completion of and to the extent permitted by an agreement between the governing boards of the individual institutions of higher education or the state board for community and technical colleges and appropriate officials and agencies in Idaho granting similar waivers for residents of the state of Washington.

[**2012 c 229 § 706; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 29; 1992 c 231 § 27; 1985 c 370 § 73; 1983 c 166 § 1**.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

RCW 28B.15.756

Waiver of nonresident tuition fees differential—Washington/British Columbia reciprocity program.

Subject to the limitations of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College and the state board for community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees differential for residents of the Canadian province of British Columbia, upon completion of and to the extent permitted by an agreement between the governing boards of the individual institutions of higher education or the state board for community and technical colleges and appropriate officials and agencies in the Canadian province of British Columbia providing for enrollment opportunities for residents of the state of Washington without payment of tuition or fees in excess of those charged to residents of British Columbia.

[**2012 c 229 § 707; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 30; 1992 c 231 § 28; 1987 c 446 § 2; 1985 c 370 § 76; 1983 c 166 § 4.**]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

Effective date—1987 c 446: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1987." [**1987 c 446 § 5.**]

RCW **28B.15.760**

Loan program for mathematics and science teachers—Definitions.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 2158-S2.SL) ***

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW **28B.15.762** and **28B.15.764**.

(1) "Borrower" means an eligible student who has received a loan under RCW **28B.15.762**.

(2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

(3) "Eligible student" means a student registered for at least ten credit hours or the equivalent and demonstrates achievement of a 3.00 grade point average for each academic year, who is a resident student as defined by RCW **28B.15.012** through **28B.15.015**, who is a "needy student" as defined in RCW **28B.92.030**, and who has a declared major in a program leading to a degree in teacher education in a field of science or mathematics, or a certificated teacher who meets the same credit hour and "needy student" requirements and is seeking an additional degree in science or mathematics.

(4) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" means to collect service as a teacher in a field of science or mathematics at a public school in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary payment.

(5) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a college or university in the state of Washington which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the

council.

(6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

(7) "Public school" means a middle school, junior high school, or high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution.

(8) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

[2012 c 229 § 528. Prior: 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 155; 2004 c 275 § 65; 1985 c 370 § 79; 1983 1st ex.s. c 74 § 1.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW [28B.77.005](#).

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

Part headings not law—2004 c 275: See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 74: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1983 1st ex.s. c 74 § 6.](#)]

RCW [28B.15.762](#)

Loan program for mathematics and science teachers—Terms and conditions—Collection—Disposition of payments—Rules.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 2158-S2.SL) ***

(1) The council may make long-term loans to eligible students at institutions of higher education from the funds appropriated to the council for this purpose. The amount of any such loan shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student or two thousand five hundred dollars for each academic year whichever is less, and the total amount of such loans to an eligible student shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. The interest rates and terms of deferral of such loans shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan program established by 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq. The period for repaying the loan principal and interest shall be ten years with payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the borrower graduated. The entire principal and interest of each loan payment shall be forgiven for each payment period in which the borrower teaches science or mathematics in a public school in this state until the entire loan is satisfied or the borrower ceases to teach science or mathematics at a public school in this state. Should the borrower cease to teach science or mathematics at a public school in this state before the time in which the principal and interest on the loan are satisfied, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the principal and interest on the loan shall begin the next payment period and continue until the remainder of the loan is paid.

(2) The council is responsible for collection of loans made under subsection (1) of this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that

maximum repayments are made. Collection and servicing of loans under subsection (1) of this section shall be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. The council is responsible to forgive all or parts of such loans under the criteria established in subsection (1) of this section and shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

(3) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other subsidies to which the council as lender is entitled, which are paid by or on behalf of borrowers under subsection (1) of this section, shall be deposited with the office and shall be used to cover the costs of making the loans under subsection (1) of this section, maintaining necessary records, and making collections under subsection (2) of this section. The office shall maintain accurate records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs shall be used to make loans to eligible students.

(4) Any funds not used to make loans, or to cover the cost of making loans or making collections, shall be placed in the state educational trust fund for needy or disadvantaged students.

(5) The council shall adopt necessary rules to implement this section.

[2012 c 229 § 529; 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 156; 1996 c 107 § 2; 1985 c 370 § 80; 1983 1st ex.s. c 74 § 2.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW 28B.77.005.

Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301: See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11: See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 74: See note following RCW 28B.15.760.

RCW 28B.15.764

Loan program for mathematics and science teachers—Cooperation by office and institutions of higher education.

The office and institutions of higher education shall work cooperatively to implement RCW 28B.15.762 and to publicize this program to eligible students.

[2012 c 229 § 603; 1985 c 370 § 81; 1983 1st ex.s. c 74 § 3.]

NOTES:

Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904: See note following RCW 28B.77.005.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 74: See note following RCW 28B.15.760.

RCW 28B.15.766

Loan program for mathematics and science teachers—Duration—*Legislative budget committee review.

No loans shall be made after August 23, 1989, until the program is reviewed by the *legislative budget committee and is reenacted by the legislature.

[1983 1st ex.s. c 74 § 4.]

NOTES:

***Reviser's note:** The "legislative budget committee" was redesignated the "joint legislative audit and review committee" by **1996 c 288 § 3**.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 74: See note following RCW **28B.15.760**.

RCW 28B.15.790

Effective communication—Intent.

The legislature finds that the quality of undergraduate education is enhanced by association with graduate assistants from other countries who can effectively communicate their knowledge and diverse cultural backgrounds.

It is the intent of the legislature to assist the institutions in their effort to improve the quality of undergraduate education at the state's four-year colleges and universities. Attainment of an excellent education is facilitated when communication is clear, concise, sensitive to cultural differences, and demonstrative of proven pedagogical skills. It is the further intent of the legislature to assure students and parents that graduate teaching assistants at our state institutions of higher education are able to communicate effectively and understandably with undergraduate students.

[1991 c 228 § 1.]

RCW 28B.15.792

Effective communication—Principles.

The Washington state legislature affirms the following principles:

(1) Washington's college and university students are entitled to excellent instruction at the state's institutions of higher education. Excellent education requires the ability to communicate effectively in college classrooms and laboratories.

(2) The presence of students, faculty, and staff from other countries on Washington's college campuses enriches the educational experience of Washington's students and enhances scholarship and research at the state's colleges and universities.

(3) With the exception of courses designed to be taught primarily in a foreign language, undergraduate students shall be provided with classroom instruction, laboratory instruction, clinics, seminars, studios, and other participatory and activity courses by a person fluent in both the spoken and written English language.

(4) Persons of all nationalities, races, religions, and ethnic backgrounds are welcome and valued in the state of Washington.

[1991 c 228 § 2.]

RCW 28B.15.794

Effective communication—Implementation of principles.

The governing board of each state university, regional university, state college, and community college shall ensure that the principles in *section 1 of this act are implemented at its institution of higher education.

[1991 c 228 § 3.]

NOTES:

***Reviser's note:** A translation of "section 1 of this act" is RCW **28B.15.790**. RCW **28B.15.792** was apparently intended.

RCW 28B.15.800

Pledged bond retirement funds to be set aside from tuition and fees—1977 ex.s. c 322.

Notwithstanding any other section of chapter 322, Laws of 1977 ex. sess., the boards of regents and trustees of the respective institutions of higher education shall set aside from tuition and fees charged in each schedule an amount heretofore pledged and necessary for the purposes of bond retirement until such time as any such debt has been satisfied.

[1985 c 390 § 34; 1977 ex.s. c 322 § 15.]

NOTES:

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 322: See note following RCW **28B.15.065**.

RCW 28B.15.805

Pledged bond retirement funds to be set aside from tuition and fees—1981 c 257.

Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 257, Laws of 1981, the boards of regents and trustees of the respective institutions of higher education shall set aside from tuition and fees charged in each schedule an amount heretofore pledged and necessary for the purposes of bond retirement until such time as any such debt has been satisfied.

[1981 c 257 § 10.]

NOTES:

Severability—1981 c 257: See note following RCW [28B.15.031](#).

RCW [28B.15.820](#)

Institutional financial aid fund—"Eligible student" defined.

*** CHANGE IN 2019 *** (SEE 2158-S2.SL) ***

(1) Each institution of higher education, including technical colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of revenues collected from tuition and services and activities fees in an institutional financial aid fund that is hereby created and which shall be held locally. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for the following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-term loans to eligible students as provided in subsections (3) through (8) of this section; (b) to make short-term loans as provided in subsection (9) of this section; (c) to provide financial aid to needy students as provided in subsection (10) of this section; or (d) to provide financial aid to students as provided in subsection (11) of this section.

(2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3) through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at least three credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW [28B.15.012](#) and [28B.15.013](#), and who is a "needy student" as defined in RCW [28B.92.030](#).

(3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan program established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or hereafter amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. Institutions are hereby granted full authority to operate as an eligible lender under the guaranteed loan program.

(4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each institution shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the loan based on factors which include, but are not limited to, the student's accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the availability of other forms of financial aid.

(5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection of guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the loans is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be permitted to perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do so by the Washington

student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term loans made by community colleges under subsection (1) of this section shall be coordinated by the state board for community and technical colleges and shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state board.

(6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are paid by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3) through (8) of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's financial aid fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the guaranteed long-term loans under this section and maintaining necessary records and making collections under subsection (5) of this section: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not exceed five percent of aggregate outstanding loan principal. Institutions shall maintain accurate records of such costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs, shall be deposited in the institution's financial aid fund.

(7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community colleges and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and regulations to implement this section.

(8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally have access to educational loans from private financial institutions in Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary markets in the support of loan consolidation.

(9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from the institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known by the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of any outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if the institution has ample evidence that the student has the capability of repaying the loan within the time frame specified by the institution for repayment.

(10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used by the institution for locally administered financial aid programs for needy students, such as need-based institutional employment programs or need-based tuition and fee scholarship or grant programs. These funds shall be used in addition to and not to replace institutional funds that would otherwise support these locally administered financial aid programs. First priority in the use of these funds shall be given to needy students who have accumulated excessive educational loan burdens. An excessive educational loan burden is a burden that will be difficult to repay given employment opportunities and average starting salaries in the student's chosen fields of study. Second priority in the use of these funds shall be given to needy single parents, to assist these students with their educational expenses, including expenses associated with child care and transportation.

(11) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund may be used by the institution for a locally administered financial aid program for high school students enrolled in dual credit programs. If institutions use funds in this manner, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall each adopt necessary rules to implement this subsection. Moneys from this fund may be used for all educational expenses related to a student's participation in a dual credit program including but not limited to tuition, fees, course materials, and transportation.

[2009 c 215 § 9; 2007 c 404 § 4; 2004 c 275 § 66; 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 § 10. Prior: 1993 c 385 § 1; 1993 c 173 § 1; 1985 c 390 § 35; 1983 1st ex.s. c 64 § 1; 1982 1st ex.s. c 37 § 13; 1981 c 257 § 9.]

NOTES:

Findings—Intent—Effective date—2009 c 215: See notes following RCW 28B.92.030.

Part headings not law—2004 c 275: See note following RCW **28B.76.090**.

Intent—Purpose—Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 9: See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 37: See notes following RCW **28B.15.012**.

Severability—1981 c 257: See note following RCW **28B.15.031**.

RCW 28B.15.821

Dual credit program—Definition.

As used in this chapter, "dual credit program" means a program, administered by either an institution of higher education or a high school, through which high school students in the eleventh or twelfth grade who have not yet received the credits required for the award of a high school diploma apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education and simultaneously earn high school and college credit.

[**2009 c 215 § 8.**]

NOTES:

Findings—Intent—Effective date—2009 c 215: See notes following RCW **28B.92.030**.

RCW 28B.15.910

Limitation on total operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced— Outreach to veterans.

(1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived under programs listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and unless otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations act, the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen State College, or the community and technical colleges as a whole, shall not exceed the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated under RCW **82.33.020** or as revised by the office of financial management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

- (a) University of Washington. . . .21 percent
- (b) Washington State University. . . .20 percent
- (c) Eastern Washington University. . . .11 percent
- (d) Central Washington University. . . .10 percent
- (e) Western Washington University. . . .10 percent
- (f) The Evergreen State College. . . .10 percent
- (g) Community and technical colleges as a whole. . . .35 percent

(2) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section apply to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in operating fees contained in the following:

- (a) RCW **28B.15.014**;
- (b) RCW **28B.15.100**;
- (c) RCW **28B.15.225**;
- (d) RCW **28B.15.380**;
- (e) RCW **28B.15.520**;
- (f) RCW **28B.15.526**;
- (g) RCW **28B.15.527**;
- (h) RCW **28B.15.555**;
- (i) RCW **28B.15.556**;
- (j) RCW **28B.15.615**;
- (k) RCW **28B.15.621** (2) and (4);
- (l) RCW **28B.15.730**;
- (m) RCW **28B.15.740**;
- (n) RCW **28B.15.750**;
- (o) RCW **28B.15.756**;
- (p) RCW **28B.50.259**; and
- (q) RCW **28B.70.050**.

(3) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section do not apply to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in services and activities fees contained in the following:

- (a) RCW **28B.15.522**;
- (b) RCW **28B.15.540**;
- (c) RCW **28B.15.558**; and
- (d) RCW **28B.15.621**(3).

(4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the western interstate commission for higher education western undergraduate exchange program under RCW **28B.15.544** shall not exceed the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this subsection.

- (a) Washington State University. . . .1 percent
- (b) Eastern Washington University. . . .3 percent
- (c) Central Washington University. . . .3 percent

(5) The institutions of higher education will participate in outreach activities to increase the number of veterans who receive tuition waivers. Colleges and universities shall revise the application for admissions so that all applicants shall have the opportunity to advise the institution that they are veterans who need assistance. If a person indicates on the application for admissions that the person is a veteran who is in need of assistance, then the institution of higher education shall ask the person whether they have any funds disbursed in accordance with the Montgomery GI Bill available to them. Each institution shall encourage veterans to utilize funds available to them in accordance with the Montgomery GI Bill prior to providing the veteran a tuition waiver.

[**2015 c 55 § 224**; **2008 c 188 § 3**. Prior: **2007 c 522 § 948**; **2007 c 450 § 2**; **2007 c 130 § 1**; **2006 c 229 § 2**; **2005 c 249 § 3**; **2004 c 275 § 51**; **2000 c 152 § 3**; **1999 c 344 § 3**; **1998 c 346 § 904**; **1997 c 433 § 5**; **1993 sp.s. c 18 § 31**; **1992 c 231 § 33**.]

NOTES:

Severability—Effective date—2007 c 522: See notes following RCW **15.64.050**.

Finding—Intent—2006 c 229: "The legislature finds that active military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members called to active duty have served their country and have risked their lives to defend the lives of all Americans and the freedoms that define and distinguish our nation. The legislature intends to honor active military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members who have served on active military or naval duty for the public service they have provided to this country by making available to all eligible admitted veterans a waiver of operating fees by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen State College, or the community colleges as a whole, to veterans who qualify under RCW **28B.15.621**." [**2006 c 229 § 1.**]

Part headings not law—2004 c 275: See note following RCW **28B.76.090**.

Findings—Intent—1999 c 344: See note following RCW **28B.15.544**.

Construction—Severability—Effective date—1998 c 346: See notes following RCW **50.24.014**.

Intent—Severability—1997 c 433: See notes following RCW **28B.15.725**.

Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18: See note following RCW **28B.12.060**.

Effective date—1992 c 231: See note following RCW **28B.10.016**.

RCW 28B.15.915

Waiver of operating fees—Report.

In addition to waivers granted under the authority of RCW **28B.15.910**, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges, subject to state board policy, may waive all or a portion of the operating fees for any student. There shall be no state general fund support for waivers granted under this section.

By January 31st of each odd-numbered year, the institutions of higher education shall prepare a report of the costs and benefits of waivers granted under chapter 152, Laws of 2000 and shall transmit copies of their report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature.

[**2015 c 55 § 225; 2000 c 152 § 1.**]

RCW 28B.15.980

Construction—Chapter applicable to state registered domestic partnerships—2009 c 521.

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such

interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement chapter 521, Laws of 2009, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships. The rules and time periods to establish residency that apply to spouses of Washington residents shall apply equally to state registered domestic partners of Washington residents.

[2009 c 521 § 74.]