
HOUSE BILL 1492

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By Representative Salahuddin

1 AN ACT Relating to early registration at institutions of higher
2 education for students with dependents; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that students who
6 have dependents should have priority registration given their
7 demanding schedules and caregiving responsibilities. Giving students
8 with dependents early registration is just one way the legislature
9 can support families and students.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) Beginning in the 2025-26 academic year, institutions of
13 higher education that offer an early course registration period for
14 any segment of the student population must have a process in place to
15 offer students who have dependents early course registration as
16 follows:

17 (a) New students who have dependents and who have completed all
18 of their admission processes must be offered an early course
19 registration period; and

1 (b) Continuing and returning former students who have dependents
2 and who have met current enrollment requirements must be offered
3 early course registration among continuing students with the same
4 level of class standing or credit as determined by the attending
5 institution and according to institutional policies.

6 (2) For purposes of this section, "dependents" are: Children 18
7 years of age or younger who are under the registering student's care;
8 and persons who, because of physical or mental disability or because
9 of extreme advanced age, is dependent upon the registering student to
10 provide the basic necessities of life.

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