
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5800

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Randall, Zeiger, Nguyen, Wilson, C., Saldaña, Carlyle, Keiser, Sheldon, Das, Hasegawa, and Kuderer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the helping homeless college students act;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.77 RCW; creating a new section; and providing expiration
4 dates.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
9 specific purpose, the college board shall select four college
10 districts, two on each side of the crest of the Cascade mountain
11 range, to participate in a pilot program to provide assistance to
12 students experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the
13 foster care system when they graduated high school. The college
14 districts chosen to participate in the pilot program must provide
15 certain accommodations to these students that may include, but are
16 not limited to, the following:

- 17 (a) Access to laundry facilities;
18 (b) Access to storage;
19 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;
20 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
21 (e) Access to technology;

1 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
2 especially during seasonal breaks; and

3 (g) Case management services.

4 (2) The college districts may also establish plans to develop
5 surplus property for affordable housing to accommodate the needs of
6 students experiencing homelessness and students who were in the
7 foster care system when they graduated high school.

8 (3) The college districts participating in the pilot program
9 shall leverage existing community resources by making available to
10 students in the pilot program information that is available for
11 individuals experiencing homelessness, including through not-for-
12 profit organizations, the local housing authority, and the department
13 of commerce's office of homeless youth.

14 (4) The college districts participating in the pilot program
15 shall provide a joint report to the appropriate committees of the
16 legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at least the following
17 information:

18 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
19 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
20 system when they graduated high school who were attending a community
21 or technical college during the pilot program. The college board
22 shall coordinate with all of the community and technical colleges to
23 collect voluntary data on how many students experiencing homelessness
24 or food insecurity are attending the community and technical
25 colleges;

26 (b) The number of students assisted by the pilot program;

27 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
28 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

29 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
30 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
31 could be better served.

32 (5) The college districts not selected to participate in the
33 pilot program are:

34 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

35 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
36 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
37 participation status.

38 (6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.

39 (7) This section expires January 1, 2024.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77

2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, the council shall select two public four-year
5 institutions of higher education, one on each side of the crest of
6 the Cascade mountain range, to participate in a pilot program to
7 provide assistance to students experiencing homelessness and to
8 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high
9 school. The four-year institutions of higher education chosen to
10 participate in the pilot program must provide certain accommodations
11 to these students that may include, but are not limited to, the
12 following:

13 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

14 (b) Access to storage;

15 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;

16 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;

17 (e) Access to technology;

18 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
19 especially during seasonal breaks; and

20 (g) Case management services.

21 (2) The four-year institutions of higher education may also
22 establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable housing to
23 accommodate the needs of students experiencing homelessness and
24 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high
25 school.

26 (3) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
27 in the pilot program shall leverage existing community resources by
28 making available to students in the pilot program information that is
29 available for individuals experiencing homelessness, including
30 through not-for-profit organizations, the local housing authority,
31 and the department of commerce's office of homeless youth.

32 (4) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
33 in the pilot program shall provide a joint report to the appropriate
34 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023, that includes at
35 least the following information:

36 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
37 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
38 system when they graduated high school who were attending a four-year
39 institution of higher education during the pilot program. The council
40 shall coordinate with all of the four-year institutions of higher

1 education to collect voluntary data on how many students experiencing
2 homelessness or food insecurity are attending the four-year
3 institutions of higher education;

4 (b) The number of students assisted by the pilot program;

5 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
6 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

7 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
8 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
9 could be better served.

10 (5) The four-year institutions of higher education not selected
11 to participate in the pilot program are:

12 (a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and

13 (b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
14 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
15 participation status.

16 (6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.

17 (7) This section expires January 1, 2024.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
19 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
20 provided by June 30, 2019, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
21 act is null and void.

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