
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5592

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Palumbo, Wilson, Ranker, Zeiger, Llias, Bailey, and Frockt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to decoupling services and activities fees from
2 tuition; and reenacting and amending RCW 28B.15.069.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.069 and 2016 sp.s. c 33 s 2 and 2016 c 202 s
5 57 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The building fee for each academic year shall be a percentage
7 of total tuition fees. This percentage shall be calculated by the
8 office of financial management and be based on the actual percentage
9 the building fee is of total tuition for each tuition category in the
10 1994-95 academic year, rounded up to the nearest half percent. After
11 October 9, 2015, the dollar value of the building fee shall not be
12 reduced below the level in the 2014-15 academic year adjusted for
13 inflation. As used in this subsection, "inflation" has the meaning in
14 RCW 28B.15.066(2).

15 (2) The governing boards of each institution of higher education
16 shall charge to and collect from each student a services and
17 activities fee. A governing board may increase the existing fee
18 annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set forth in RCW
19 28B.15.045, (~~by a percentage not to exceed the annual percentage~~
20 ~~increase in student tuition fees for resident undergraduate students;~~
21 ~~PROVIDED, That such percentage increase shall not apply to that~~

1 ~~portion of the services and activities fee previously committed to~~
2 ~~the repayment of bonded debt. These rate adjustments may exceed the~~
3 ~~fiscal growth factor. For the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, each~~
4 ~~governing board is authorized to increase the services and activities~~
5 ~~fees)) by amounts that shall not exceed four percent per year, judged~~
6 reasonable and necessary by the services and activities fee committee
7 and the governing board (~~consistent with the budgeting procedures~~
8 ~~set forth in RCW 28B.15.045)). The services and activities fee~~
9 committee provided for in RCW 28B.15.045 may initiate a request to
10 the governing board for a fee increase.

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

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

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

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