
HOUSE BILL 1278

State of Washington

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By Representative Hudgins

1 AN ACT Relating to room and board for college bound scholarship
2 students; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature recognizes that homelessness is a barrier to
7 accessing higher education and therefore intends to provide college
8 bound scholarship students experiencing homelessness with one year of
9 on-campus housing, provided that space is available so other students
10 are not being displaced and rooms are not being held open.

11 (2) Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, institutions of
12 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 that offer on-campus
13 student housing options shall provide a waiver for one year of on-
14 campus housing to eligible students on a space available basis,
15 provided the student has not reached his or her unmet need through
16 other gift aid. Eligible students are first-year recipients of the
17 college bound scholarship under chapter 28B.118 RCW and who upon
18 graduation from high school are considered homeless, as set forth in
19 the McKinney-Vento homeless education assistance act (P.L. 100-77;
20 101 Stat. 482). The eligible student must inform the institution of

1 higher education of their eligibility when accepting admittance for
2 the fall term in order to receive the waiver.

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