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**SENATE BILL 6424**

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**By** Senators Wilson, C., Hunt, Liias, and Das

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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 2020-21 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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