**2019 Legislative Summary for Student Services**

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| **Bill** | **Description** | **Status** | **Actions Needed** |
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| 2SHB 1039 | **Opioid Overdose Medication**: Colleges with residence halls housing 100+ students must develop plans for maintaining/ administering opioid overdose medication in and around residence halls and training designated personnel by the beginning of the 2019-20 academic year; $156,000 ($132,000 for FY20; $24,000 for FY21) | Operating Budget Bill signed into law by Governor  State Board budget proviso “to develop a plan for the maintenance and administration of opioid overdose medication in and around residence halls housing at least 100 students and for the training of designated personnel to administer opioid overdose medication to respond to symptoms of an opioid-related overdose.”  $132K (1st year), $24K (2nd year) | SBCTC will identify/convene an implementation group with representatives from affected colleges  Implementation group will develop plan(s)  Plans must be completed by beginning of fall term 2019; remaining requirements (e.g., training) must be completed during the biennium |
| SHB  1311 | **College Bound Scholarship**: Expands eligibility to 9th and 10th graders if family income declines and makes them eligible | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | WSAC will implement changes in CBS eligibility |
| PSHB 1355 | **Taskforce on CTC Counselors**: creates legislative taskforce to study student/counselor ratios and counselor standards, staffed by SBCTC; 2 presidents, 1 VPI/ 1 VPSS, 4 counselors | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | Taskforce will be convened by legislature and staffed by SBCTC beginning in summer or fall of 2019  SBCTC will identify two presidents to serve at the June WACTC meeting  IC and WSSSC need to recommend one VP to serve from each Commission  SBCTC will contact WEA and AFT to identify four counselors to serve |
| HB  1688 | Resident Student Veterans: students entitled to federal vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans with service-connected disabilities to receive in-state tuition | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | Colleges will need to classify student veterans identified in bill as residents for tuition purposes |
| HB  1734 | Concurrent Enrollment Program Standards: College in the High School and other concurrent enrollment programs must be nationally accredited by 2027-28 | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | Colleges offering concurrent enrollment programs covered by this bill will need to become nationally accredited by NACEP or another organization by 2027-28 |
| HB  1893 | **Postsecondary Student Assistance**: creates Emergency Assistance Grant Program for students; SBCTC will establish eligibility criteria; amended to require that students request assistance in writing (email acceptable); : $1.5 million ($750,000 each year of biennium) | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | SBCTC will establish a competitive grant program /application process in fall 2019; grants will be made based on demonstrated college need and resources already in place at the college  Section 5 requires colleges to provide students who are eligible for a Washington College Grant (formerly state need grant) with written notification of their “possible eligibility” for SNAP.  SBCTC will provide wording and FA directors will need to modify award letters accordingly |
| HB  1973 | **Dual Enrollment Scholarship**: WSAC, consulting with SBCTC/OSPI shall create the dual credit scholarship pilot program; eligible students must qualify for FRPL, be enrolled in dual credit, minimum 2.0 GPA | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | WSAC will develop a pilot program for implementation beginning with the 2019-20 academic year |
| HB  2158 | **Workforce Education Account**: Funding bill for guided pathways nursing and other high demand faculty salary increases; also funds increases in State Need Grant (re-titled Washington College Grant) and elements of the governor’s Career Connect Washington proposal, including Career Launch apprenticeship programs | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | The State Board will determine how to allocate Year 1 Guided Pathways funding ($2M) at its June meeting; funding for Year 2 ($30M) will be allocated next year |
| SSB  5166 | **Postsecondary Religious Accommodations**: eliminates 2-day maximum, expands religious accommodations to tests and other academic requirements; requires policy to be posted on websites and on course syllabi; written notice must be given within the first two weeks of the beginning of the course | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | Colleges need to update their religious accommodation policies, post them on college websites, and post or provide a link on all course syllabi; effective date is July 28, 2019 |
| SB  5800 | **Pilot Student Homelessness Projects**: Establishes 4 CTC pilot programs, 2 eastside/2 west side of state, to assist homeless students or former foster youth; services may include access to laundry, lockers, showers, food pantries, housing; $548,000 ($200,000 for FY20; $348,000 for FY21) | Passed Legislature  Signed by Governor into law | SBCTC will establish pilot program and develop an application and selection process. Colleges not selected can participate voluntarily and will be encouraged to contribute data that expands our understanding of student need to support future funding efforts |
| Operating Budget Bill | From Operating Budget Bill:  *Each institution of higher education must include the phone number of a campus, local, state, or national suicide, crisis, or counseling hotline on the back of newly issued student and faculty identification cards starting in fall quarter 2019, or as soon as is practicable to implement.* | Operating Budget Bill signed into law by Governor | Colleges must identify hotline contact information appropriate for their districts  Colleges must include hotline contact information on the back of newly issued student and faculty ID card beginning fall 2019 |