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**2021 Bill Watch for Student Services and Student Support Programs**

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| **Bill** | **Description** | **Position** | **Notes/Status** |
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| HB 1009 | Expands certain mandated health plan coverage to higher education student health plans | Neutral | Passed House, in Senate Health & Long Term Care |
| HB 1016 | Establishes June 19th (Juneteenth) as a state holiday | Support | Passed House, in Senate State Government & Elections |
| HB 1166 | Expands pilot program for Supports for Students Experiencing Homelessness (SSEH)  | Support | Passed House, headed to Senate |
| HB 1213 | Expands access to affordable childcare and early childhood education programs | Support | In Rules, second reading |
| HB 1264 | Mandates an equity impact statement for legislative proposals with fiscal notes  | Support | Substitute bill advanced to Appropriations |
| HB 1302 | Expands College in the High School to include 9th graders | Neutral | Passed House, in Senate Early Learning & K12 |
| HB 1368 | Appropriates funds for state COVID-19 relief supported by federal funding, including undocumented student relief grants | Support | Signed into law by Governor; funds must be spent by June 30, 2021 |
| HB 1425 | Expands Opportunity Scholarship Program opportunities for community and technical college students | Support | Passed House, in Senate Higher Education/Workforce Development |
| HB 1468 | Creates pilot program that funds 8 colleges to implement counseling best practices | Support | In Appropriations, not moving |
| HB 1477 | Establishes a coordinated crisis hotline center and crisis services system in WA state (renamed HB 1182) | Support | In Rules for 2nd reading |
| HB 1517 | Increases Washington College Grant aid awards by modifying the Median Family Income (MFI) levels | Support | In Appropriations |
| SB 5023 | Increases access to childcare for unemployment benefits recipients by not counting pandemic aid or benefits from lost wages as part of income eligibility for childcare. | Support | In Ways & Means |
| SB 5105 | All state agencies must designate DEI liaisons, apply an equity lens to agency work, and submit DEI plans | Support | In Ways & Means |
| SB 5194 | Substitute bill incorporates elements of HB 1355 Counselor Taskforce report, and creates mandates in full-time faculty hiring, guided pathways, and student success programs; Section 6 is a companion to HB 1468 | Concerns | Passed Ways & Means, in Rules for 2nd reading |
| SB 5214 | Expands eligibility for exemption to the 60- month lifetime limit for temporary assistance to needy families (TANF). Includes non-compliance-based termination within exemption. Allows family to keep income while receiving assistance. Enables TANF orientation via phone. | Support | In Rules for second reading |
| SB 5215 | Increases maximum Washington College Grant awards at independent institutions | Neutral | In Ways & Means |
| SB 5227 | Requires colleges to establish DEI/anti-racism training for all faculty, staff, and students | Support | In Rules for second reading |
| SB 5237 | Companion to HB 1213 | Support | In Rules for second reading |
| SB 5241 | Creates grant program for local communities to promote equity, economic inclusion, and a stable financial foundation for people experiencing poverty, with a focus on people of color and people in rural counties; grants of $200,000 each | Neutral | In Rules for second reading |
| SB 5288 | Closely resembles HB 1425 | Support | In Rules for second reading |
| SB 5321 | Makes auto sign-up for the College Bound program permanent for 7th – 9th graders | Support | In Rules for second reading |