2022 Bill Watch for Student Services and Student Support Programs

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Bill	Description	Position	Notes/Status
HB 1642	Update to National Guard Education Grants	Support	Small language changes on program requirements.
HB 1659	Bridge grants for maximum-WCG- eligible students to reduce barriers for expenses such as childcare, books, etc.	Support	Expands WCG eligibility by adjusting the MFI chart. Establishes the Bridge grant, which will be awarded to full WCG recipients to cover costs such as books, transportation, housing, childcare etc. Starting in the 22-23 academic year full WCG (who do not receive College Bound) recipients will be awarded a \$500 Bridge Grant. In the 24-25 academic year the Bridge Grant full award will be \$1000 for full WCG recipients and \$500 for College Bound and WCG recipients. Awards will be pro-rated per term.
HB 1687	Changes College Bound Scholarship GPA requirements for students entering into CTCs from 2.0.	Support	Referred to Rules 1/22
HB 1736	Establishes Washington State Student Loan Program	Support w/ concerns	WSAC to administer 1/12/22 Arlen will testify
HB 1751 & 1758	Hazing Prevention and Reduction Act	Support	New anti-hazing requirements including education programs for students and employees, reporting, and publicly available information on investigations and findings; substitute bill adds anti-hazing committee requirement; HB 1758 stiffens criminal penalties
HB 1755	Establishes a hardship exemption to allow for extension of the 60-month time limits for TANF clients during times of high unemployment and amends RCW 74.08A.010.	Neutral	DSHS bill that would not have any major or significant impact on our CTC system or WorkFirst programs.
SSHB 1760	Expanding funding and eligibility for dual credit	Support w/ concerns	Permitting RS students to be funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.6 full-time equivalents (FTEs), rather than 1.2 FTEs, as is currently permitted in the operating budget; (2) Making the RS Program a year-round program by requiring adoption of rules to fund RS students' summer course enrollments; (3) Modifying eligibility for certain high school graduates to continue participating in the RS program by allowing high school graduates who have 15, rather than 5, or fewer college credits to earn before meeting associate degree requirements to earn up to 15, rather than 5, college credits during the summer academic term following their high school graduation.

HB 1805	Updates to Washington State Opportunity Scholarship. Adjusts SAP to program requirements from the 2.0 GPA minimum.	Neutral	
HB 1835	Funds marketing and outreach to increase FAFSA/WASFA filing; expands WCG eligibility to some public assistance recipients	Support	Creates a financial aid marketing campaign administered by WSAC. Creates an Outreach Pilot for college campuses identified by SBCTC in Education Service Districts that have been in the bottom two for FAFSA completion for three years. The pilot program will hire outreach specialists to support high schools in the ESD with financial aid applications, these positions will be staffed at a one to 600 high school seniors. SBCTC will provide an annual report of the pilot program's status starting on Dec. 1st, 2023.
SB 5942	Uniform college athlete Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) act; clarifies roles, limitations, for student, college, and 3rd party NIL compensation	Neutral	

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