## ICSEW BILL ALERT

Bill #HB 2309

Washington 13 free guarantee act



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Legislative Hotline:

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## <u>Summary of bill and impact on Washington:</u>

This bill will provide free access to community and technical colleges for students regardless of income beginning in the 2025-26 academic year.

Requirement include that students must:

- Be Washington State residents.
- Have graduated from a Washington State public high school or earned a high school equivalency certificate in the same or immediately preceding academic year.
- Not have previously earned an associate's degree.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress towards completion of an eligible degree or certificate program.

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