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SENATE BILL 6341

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By Senators West, Bauer, Winsley and M. Rasmussen

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1            AN ACT Relating to the future teachers conditional scholarship  
2 program; amending RCW 28B.102.020 and 28B.102.060; and repealing RCW  
3 28B.102.900.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.102.020 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 36 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9            (1) "Approved education program" means an educational program for  
10 knowledge and skills generally learned in preschool through twelfth  
11 grade. Approved education programs may include but need not be limited  
12 to:

13            (a) An elementary school, a middle school, a junior high school, or  
14 a high school within the public school system;

15            (b) An approved school under chapter 28A.195 RCW;

16            (c) The early childhood education and assistance program under RCW  
17 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 or the federal head start program;

18            (d) A preschool that has received voluntary accreditation under RCW  
19 28A.405.100 through 28A.405.160;

1       (e) A tribal school in Washington approved by the federal bureau of  
2 Indian affairs;

3       (f) An education center under chapter 28A.205 RCW;

4       (g) English as a second language programs and programs leading to  
5 high school graduation or the equivalency operated by community or  
6 technical colleges.

7       (2) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
8 whole or in part if the recipient (~~renders service as a teacher in the~~  
9 ~~public schools of this state~~) is qualified to hold a teaching  
10 certificate under chapter 28A.405 RCW and the recipient teaches in an  
11 approved education program serving students in any grade from preschool  
12 through twelfth grade.

13       (~~(2)~~) (3) "Institution of higher education" or "institution"  
14 means a college or university in the state of Washington which is  
15 accredited by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of  
16 the higher education coordinating board.

17       (~~(3)~~) (4) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

18       (~~(4)~~) (5) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered  
19 for at least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates  
20 achievement of at least a 3.30 grade point average for students  
21 entering an institution of higher education directly from high school  
22 or maintains at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for  
23 each academic year in an institution of higher education, is a resident  
24 student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013, and has a declared  
25 intention to complete an approved preparation program leading to  
26 initial teacher certification or required for earning an additional  
27 endorsement, or a college or university graduate who meets the same  
28 credit hour requirements and is seeking an additional teaching  
29 endorsement or initial teacher certification. Resident students  
30 defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e) are not eligible students under this  
31 chapter.

32       (~~(5)~~) "~~Public school" means an elementary school, a middle school,~~  
33 ~~junior high school, or high school within the public school system~~  
34 ~~referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution.~~)

35       (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render  
36 service as a teacher (~~at a public school~~) in an approved education  
37 program in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

38       (7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

1 (8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
2 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

3 (9) "Targeted ethnic minority" means a group of Americans with a  
4 common ethnic or racial heritage selected by the board for program  
5 consideration due to societal concerns such as high dropout rates or  
6 low rates of college participation by members of the group.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.102.060 and 1993 c 423 s 1 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Participants in the conditional scholarship program incur an  
10 obligation to repay the conditional scholarship, with interest, unless  
11 they teach for ten years in (~~the public schools~~) an approved  
12 education program of the state of Washington, under rules adopted by  
13 the board.

14 (2) The interest rate shall be eight percent for the first four  
15 years of repayment and ten percent beginning with the fifth year of  
16 repayment.

17 (3) The period for repayment shall be ten years, with payments of  
18 principal and interest accruing quarterly commencing nine months from  
19 the date the participant completes or discontinues the course of study.  
20 Provisions for deferral of payment shall be determined by the board.

21 (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be  
22 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant teaches in  
23 (~~a public school~~) an approved education program until the entire  
24 repayment obligation is satisfied or the borrower ceases to teach (~~at~~  
25 ~~a public school~~) in an approved education program in this state.  
26 Should the participant cease to teach (~~at a public school~~) in an  
27 approved education program in this state before the participant's  
28 repayment obligation is completed, payments on the unsatisfied portion  
29 of the principal and interest shall begin the next payment period and  
30 continue until the remainder of the participant's repayment obligation  
31 is satisfied.

32 (5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made  
33 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection,  
34 maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are  
35 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall  
36 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment  
37 if necessary, and shall be performed by entities approved for such  
38 servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its

1 successor agency. The board is responsible to forgive all or parts of  
2 such repayments under the criteria established in this section and  
3 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

4 (6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other  
5 subsidies to which the board as administrator is entitled, which are  
6 paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be  
7 deposited with the higher education coordinating board and shall be  
8 used to cover the costs of granting the conditional scholarships,  
9 maintaining necessary records, and making collections under subsection  
10 (5) of this section. The board shall maintain accurate records of  
11 these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs  
12 shall be used to grant conditional scholarships to eligible students.

13 (7) The board shall temporarily or, in special circumstances,  
14 permanently defer the requirements of this section for eligible  
15 students as defined in RCW 28B.10.017.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.102.900 and 1987 c 437 s 9 are each  
17 repealed.

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