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HOUSE BILL 2287

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By Representatives Jacobsen, Goldsmith and Carlson

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1            AN ACT Relating to financial aid; amending RCW 28B.10.800; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            In consultation with institutions of higher education, the higher  
7 education coordinating board shall, by rule, adopt strict limitations  
8 on the number of credits a student may accumulate toward a degree or  
9 certificate and continue to receive a state need grant. The  
10 limitations shall be based on the number of college level credits a  
11 student reasonably needs to complete the student's program of study.  
12 The board shall also adopt exceptions to the rule. The exceptions  
13 shall ensure that a student whose program requires a higher than  
14 average number of credits remains eligible for the need grant program  
15 if the student meets other eligibility requirements adopted by the  
16 board. In adopting its rule, the board shall not exceed the following  
17 eligibility standard or its equivalent in college level credits:

18            (1) Up to one and one-half years for a certificate;

19            (2) Up to three years for an associate degree;

- 1 (3) Up to three and one-half years for a technical degree; and  
2 (4) Up to five years for a baccalaureate degree.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.800 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The sole purpose of RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 is to  
6 establish a state of Washington student financial aid program, thus  
7 assisting financially needy or disadvantaged students domiciled in  
8 Washington to obtain the opportunity of attending an accredited  
9 institution of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.802(1), in  
10 order to complete an educational plan that leads to a degree or  
11 certificate or that significantly enhances a student's employability.  
12 Financial aid under RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 is available only  
13 to students who are resident students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2)  
14 (a) through (d).

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