
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5022

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Gaspard, Bailey, Rinehart, von Reichbauer, Murray, Conner and Erwin).

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence in education
2 program; amending RCW 28A.625.030, 28A.625.050, and 28A.625.060;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.625.020; adding new sections to chapter
4 28A.625 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating a new
5 section; repealing RCW 28A.625.040, 28A.625.070, and 28B.15.547; making
6 appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.020 and 1990 c 77 s 1 and 1990 c 33 s 514 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (~~(1)~~) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an
11 annual award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers,
12 principals, administrators, classified staff, school district
13 superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions,
14 and commitment to education. The program shall recognize annually:

1 ~~((a))~~ (1) Five teachers from each congressional district of the
2 state. One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be
3 a junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a
4 secondary level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff
5 associates;

6 ~~((b))~~ (2) Five principals or administrators from the state;

7 ~~((c))~~ (3) One school district superintendent from the state;

8 ~~((d))~~ (4) One school district board of directors from the state;

9 and

10 ~~((e))~~ (5) Three classified staff from each congressional district
11 of the state.

12 ~~((Not more than three teachers, three classified staff, and three
13 principals or administrators from each congressional district and one
14 superintendent and one school board from the state may be recognized
15 and receive awards in any school year.~~

16 ~~(2) The awards for teachers, classified staff, and principals or
17 administrators shall include certificates presented by the governor and
18 the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony or
19 ceremonies in appropriate locations.~~

20 ~~(3) In addition to certificates under subsection (2) of this
21 section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall
22 include:~~

23 ~~(a) A waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 and a stipend
24 not to exceed one thousand dollars to cover costs incurred in taking
25 courses for which the tuition and fees have been waived under this
26 subsection and RCW 28B.15.547. The stipend shall not be considered
27 compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or~~

28 ~~(b) Teachers and principals or administrators, at their discretion,
29 may elect to forego the waiver of tuition and fees and the stipend
30 under subsection (3) of this section and apply for a grant not to~~

1 ~~exceed one thousand dollars, which grant shall be awarded under the~~
2 ~~provisions of RCW 28A.625.060. Within one year of receiving the award~~
3 ~~for excellence in education, teachers and principals or administrators~~
4 ~~shall notify the superintendent of public instruction in writing of~~
5 ~~their decision to apply for a grant or to receive the waiver of tuition~~
6 ~~and fees and the stipend under subsection (3) of this section.)~~

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.625.030 and 1986 c 147 s 3 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The award for teachers under the Washington award for excellence in
10 education program shall be named the "Washington State Christa
11 McAuliffe Award, in honor and memory of Sharon Christa Corrigan
12 McAuliffe." As the first teacher and private citizen selected
13 nationally to voyage into space, Christa McAuliffe exemplified what is
14 exciting and positive about the teaching profession. Her contributions
15 within the scope of the nation's education system helped to show that
16 education can and should be a vital and dynamic experience for all
17 participants. Christa McAuliffe's chosen profession encompasses
18 learning by discovery and her desire to make new discoveries was
19 reflected by her participation in the nation's space program.

20 The selection of Christa McAuliffe as the first teacher in space
21 was directly linked to Washington state in that then superintendent of
22 public instruction Dr. Frank Brouillet both appointed and served as a
23 member of the national panel which selected Christa McAuliffe.

24 The tragic loss of the life of Christa McAuliffe on the flight of
25 the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, will be remembered
26 through the legacy she gave to her family, friends, relatives,
27 students, colleagues, the education profession, and the nation: a
28 model example of striving toward excellence.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625

2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in
4 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the
5 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated
6 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate
7 locations.

8 (2) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
9 section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall
10 include one of the following:

11 (a) Except as provided under section 6(1) of this act, an academic
12 grant which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of
13 higher education. The academic grant shall not exceed the current
14 academic year full-time equivalent resident graduate tuition for
15 courses taken at one of the state's research universities and shall not
16 exceed the current academic year full-time resident graduate tuition
17 for courses taken at one of the state's regional universities or The
18 Evergreen State College. The academic grant shall not be considered
19 compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

20 (b) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
21 stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW
22 28A.400.200; or

23 (c) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
24 educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not
25 be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

26 (3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
27 section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the
28 following:

1 (a) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
2 stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW
3 28A.400.200; or

4 (b) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
5 educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not
6 be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

7 (4) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
8 section, the award for the school board shall include an educational
9 grant not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The educational
10 grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060.

11 (5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for
12 excellence in education, teachers, principals or administrators, and
13 the school district superintendent shall notify the superintendent of
14 public instruction in writing of their decision to apply for an
15 academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational grant as
16 provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The
17 superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of
18 those recipients who select the academic grant.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) The dollar value of the academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of
22 this act shall be the amount as provided under section 3(2)(a) of this
23 act at the time the grant is awarded by the higher education
24 coordinating board.

25 (2) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under section
26 3(2)(a) of this act shall be completed within four years after the
27 academic grant is received.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 Teachers and principals or administrators who receive a Washington
4 award for excellence in education and who select the academic grant
5 under section 3(2)(a) of this act shall receive thirty clock hours
6 toward the one hundred fifty clock hours of continuing education
7 required every five years by the state board of education: PROVIDED,
8 That the thirty clock hours shall be granted only if the courses are
9 related to the recipient's responsibilities or assignments.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
13 academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of this act shall use the grant to
14 attend a state institution of higher education. The academic grant may
15 be used for courses at an independent college or university in this
16 state subject to the following requirements:

17 (a) "Institution of higher education" means:

18 (i) Any public university, college, community college, or
19 vocational-technical institute operated by the state of Washington or
20 any political subdivision thereof; or

21 (ii) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
22 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
23 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
24 by rule of the board. Any institution, branch, extension, or facility
25 operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an
26 institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited
27 member institution of an accrediting association recognized by the
28 board.

1 (b) The academic grant shall not exceed the current academic year,
2 full-time, resident, graduate tuition and services and activities fees
3 in effect at the state-funded research universities.

4 (c) The academic grant shall be contingent upon the private
5 institution matching on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with
6 actual money or by waiver of fees, the amount of the academic grant
7 received by the recipient from the state.

8 (d) The academic grant may not be used for any courses involved in
9 a program that includes any religious worship, exercise, or the pursuit
10 of any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic
11 studies.

12 (2) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
13 academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of this act may use the grant for
14 courses at a public or private higher education institution in another
15 state or country subject to the following conditions:

16 (a) The institution has an exchange program with a public or
17 private higher education institution in Washington and the exchange
18 program is approved or recognized by the higher education coordinating
19 board; or

20 (b) The institution is approved or recognized by the higher
21 education coordinating board; and

22 (c) The recipient of the Washington award for excellence in
23 education shall submit in writing to the higher education coordinating
24 board an explanation of why the preferred course or courses are not
25 available at a public or private institution in Washington.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
27 to read as follows:

1 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules under
2 chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the academic grants awarded under
3 section 3(2)(a) of this act.

4 (2) The rules adopted by the board shall allow recipients who have
5 begun to use the waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 prior
6 to the effective date of this section, to take the remaining value of
7 the waiver of tuition and fees in the form of the academic grant under
8 section 3(2)(a) of this act.

9 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.625.050 and 1990 c 33 s 516 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under
12 chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.010 through
13 28A.625.070. These rules shall include establishing the selection
14 criteria for the Washington award for excellence in education program.
15 The superintendent (~~(of public instruction)~~) is encouraged to consult
16 with teachers, educational staff associates, principals,
17 administrators, classified employees, superintendents, and school board
18 members in developing the selection criteria. Notwithstanding the
19 provisions of RCW 28A.625.020(1) (~~((a) and (b))~~) and (2), such rules
20 may allow for the selection of individuals whose teaching or
21 administrative duties, or both, may encompass multiple grade level or
22 building assignments, or both.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.625.060 and 1990 c 33 s 517 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Teachers (~~(and)~~), principals or administrators, and superintendents
26 who have received an award for excellence in education (~~(under RCW~~
27 ~~28A.625.020 shall be eligible)~~) and choose to apply for an educational
28 grant (~~(in lieu of receiving a waiver of tuition and fees and a stipend~~

1 as provided under RCW 28A.625.020(3). The superintendent of public
2 instruction)) under section 3 of this act shall ((award)) be awarded
3 the grant by the superintendent of public instruction as long as a
4 written grant application is submitted to the superintendent ((of
5 public instruction)) within one year after the award was received. The
6 grant application shall identify the educational purpose toward which
7 the grant shall be used.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. (1) The superintendent of public
9 instruction shall conduct a survey to determine the interest of
10 classified employees in being provided the option of selecting an award
11 as provided under section 3(2) of this act.

12 (2) The superintendent shall report to the legislature and the
13 governor by December 1, 1991, on the results of the survey. The report
14 shall include recommendations and costs.

15 (3) This section shall expire December 31, 1991.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The following acts or parts of acts are
17 each repealed:

18 (1) RCW 28A.625.040 and 1990 c 33 s 515 & 1986 c 147 s 4;

19 (2) RCW 28A.625.070 and 1990 c 33 s 518 & 1986 c 147 s 8; and

20 (3) RCW 28B.15.547 and 1986 c 147 s 6.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. (1) The sum of sixty-three thousand
22 seven hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
23 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
24 fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of
25 this act.

26 (2) The sum of two hundred eight thousand four hundred twenty
27 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for

1 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the higher
2 education coordinating board for the purposes of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
6 effect immediately.