
SENATE BILL 5505

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By Senators Talmadge, Pelz and Bauer.

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1 AN ACT Relating to Pacific Rim education programs; amending RCW
2 28B.107.010, 28B.107.030, 28B.107.040, 28B.107.050, 28A.630.320,
3 28A.630.340, and 28A.300.200; repealing RCW 28B.107.900 and
4 28A.405.020; and making appropriations.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.107.010 and 1990 c 243 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

10 (1) "Washington state Pacific Rim language scholarship" means a
11 scholarship awarded(~~(7)~~) for (~~(a period not to exceed)~~) one year, and
12 renewable for a period not to exceed four years, to a student
13 proficient in speaking one of the following languages: Spanish,
14 Russian, Chinese, (~~and~~) Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Thai, or Vietnamese.

1 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
2 college or university in the state of Washington that is accredited by
3 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher
4 education coordinating board.

5 (3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

6 (4) "Student" means a high school senior who is a proficient
7 speaker of a Pacific Rim language, and who intends to enroll in an
8 institution of higher education within one year of high school
9 graduation.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.107.030 and 1990 c 243 s 4 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The board shall select up to (~~four~~) ~~eight~~ students yearly
13 from each congressional district to receive ((a)) ~~an initial~~ Washington
14 state Pacific Rim scholarship from funds appropriated for this purpose.
15 Of the (~~four~~) ~~eight~~ students selected, one student shall be a
16 proficient speaker of Spanish, one of Russian, one of Japanese, ((and))
17 one of Chinese, one of Khmer, one of Korean, one of Thai, and one of
18 Vietnamese. If there are no qualified applicants for a particular
19 scholarship, the board may select a student from qualified applicants
20 in other languages or congressional districts.

21 (2) To be eligible for a scholarship, students shall have taken
22 coursework in the language, or the culture or history related to the
23 language, during their high school careers, or be native speakers of
24 the language.

25 (3) Using measures as objective as possible, the board shall select
26 students ((who have shown the most improvement in their ability to
27 speak the language during their high school careers)) on the following
28 criteria: Degree of oral proficiency in the Pacific Rim language;
29 improvement in ability to speak the language during his or her high

1 school career; and demonstrated potential to teach or otherwise use the
2 language to enrich the state's cultural understanding or economic
3 health.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.107.040 and 1990 c 243 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Scholarships shall not exceed one thousand dollars per student per
7 year. The scholarship shall not be disbursed to the student until the
8 student is enrolled at an institution of higher education. The board
9 may also use private donations or any other funds given to the board
10 for this program to make additional scholarship awards. Funds shall be
11 spent first for new scholarships. If funds are available after
12 providing new scholarships, funds may be used to renew scholarships
13 issued before or after the effective date of this section.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.107.050 and 1990 c 243 s 6 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 By October 30, 1995, the board shall report on the progress of the
17 program to the governor and the house of representatives and senate
18 committees on higher education. ~~((The report shall include a~~
19 ~~recommendation on whether to expand the number of languages included,~~
20 ~~and whether to expand the program to students in each legislative~~
21 ~~district.))~~

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.630.320 and 1990 c 33 s 534 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) The superintendent of public instruction may grant funds to
25 selected school districts for the purposes of developing and
26 implementing international education programs. The grants shall be in
27 such amounts as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

1 The sum of all grants awarded shall not exceed the amount appropriated
2 by the legislature for such purposes.

3 (2) The grant program shall center on the use of the international
4 education model curriculum or curriculum guidelines developed in RCW
5 28A.630.310. Districts may use the international education model
6 curriculum or curriculum guidelines developed under RCW 28A.630.310 as
7 a guideline for creating their own model curriculum for participation
8 in the grant program.

9 (3) School districts may apply singularly or a group of school
10 districts may apply together to participate in the program.

11 (4) School districts applying for the international education
12 grant program shall submit a plan which includes:

13 (a) (~~Participation by the school district in both the model~~
14 ~~curriculum or curriculum guidelines development activities and the~~
15 ~~grant program activities provided for by RCW 28A.630.300 through~~
16 ~~28A.630.390~~) Use of the curriculum guidelines developed under RCW
17 28A.630.310;

18 (b) (~~The application or~~) Intent to conduct a foreign language
19 program including ((either Japanese or Mandarin Chinese)) at least two
20 of the following languages: Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese,
21 Khmer, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese, beginning in the ninth grade;

22 (c) A staff in-service training program addressing the
23 implementation of international education curriculum;

24 (d) A goal to enlist participation where possible by private
25 enterprise, cultural and ethnic associations, foreign trade or policy
26 organizations, the local community, exchange students and students who
27 have participated in exchange programs, and parents;

28 (e) Evaluation of the pilot program.

1 (5) To the extent possible, selected school districts shall
2 represent the various geographical locations, school or school district
3 sizes, and grade levels in the state.

4 (6) By January 1, (~~(1988)~~) 1992, the superintendent of public
5 instruction shall select five school district grantees for the program.
6 The program shall be implemented beginning with the (~~(1988-89)~~) 1992-93
7 school year.

8 (7) The program in international education shall be considered a
9 social studies offering for the purpose of RCW 28A.230.090(1) and may
10 also, if appropriate, be used to meet foreign language requirements.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.630.340 and 1987 c 349 s 5 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The superintendent of public instruction shall submit a report to
14 the legislature, including its findings and specific recommendations
15 evaluating the progress of the grant program, by January 1, (~~(1991)~~)
16 1995.

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28A.300.200 and 1990 c 243 s 9 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 To complement RCW 28A.630.320 and chapter 28B.107 RCW, the
20 superintendent of public instruction shall (~~(encourage school districts~~
21 to establish exchange programs for teachers with)) coordinate and
22 sponsor teacher exchanges between Washington schools and schools in
23 Pacific Rim nations. The superintendent may solicit and accept grants
24 and donations from public and private sources for the teacher exchange
25 program.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are
27 each repealed:

1 (1) RCW 28B.107.900 and 1990 c 243 s 8; and

2 (2) RCW 28A.405.020 and 1990 c 243 s 7, 1985 c 379 s 5, 1977 ex.s.
3 c 340 s 1, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.67.020.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The sum of two hundred fifty-two
5 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
6 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
7 fund to the higher education coordinating board for the purposes of
8 sections 1 through 4 of this act.

9 (2) The sum of five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or as
10 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
11 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the superintendent of
12 public instruction for the purposes of sections 5 and 6 of this act.

13 (a) Up to twenty-five thousand dollars of the appropriation in this
14 subsection may be used for the international education grant program in
15 section 5 of this act.

16 (b) Up to five hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation in
17 this subsection may be used for the teacher exchange program in section
18 6 of this act.