
SENATE BILL 6326

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence; amending
2 RCW 28A.625.041, 28A.625.065, 28B.80.255, and 28B.80.265; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.041 and 1991 c 255 s 3 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

1 (a) Except as provided under RCW 28B.80.255, an academic grant
2 which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of higher
3 education. The academic grant shall ~~((not exceed the current academic~~
4 ~~year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at one of~~
5 ~~the state's research universities and shall not exceed the current~~
6 ~~academic year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at~~
7 ~~one of the state's regional universities or The Evergreen State~~
8 ~~College)) provide reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs~~
9 ~~incurred for tuition and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours~~
10 ~~or thirty semester credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit~~
11 ~~hour not to exceed the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit~~
12 ~~hour at the University of Washington in the year the recipient takes~~
13 ~~the credits. In addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars~~
14 ~~shall be provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the~~
15 ~~academic grant. This stipend shall be provided as reimbursement for~~
16 ~~actual costs incurred.~~ The academic grant shall not be considered
17 compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **Sec. 2.** ~~RCW 28A.625.065 and 1991 c 255 s 4 are each amended to~~
17 ~~read as follows:~~

18 ~~((1) The dollar value of the academic grant under RCW~~
19 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be the amount as provided under RCW~~
20 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a) at the time the grant is awarded by the higher~~
21 ~~education coordinating board.~~

22 ~~(2)) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under RCW~~
23 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be completed within four years after the~~
24 ~~academic grant is received.~~

25 **Sec. 3.** ~~RCW 28B.80.255 and 1991 c 255 s 6 are each amended to read~~
26 ~~as follows:~~

27 ~~(1) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an~~
28 ~~academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall use the grant to~~

1 attend a state public institution of higher education located in the
2 state of Washington, except that the academic grant may be used for
3 courses at a private institution of higher education in the state of
4 Washington if the conditions in subsection (3) of this section are met,
5 and the academic grant may be used for courses at a public or a private
6 institution of higher education in another state or country if the
7 conditions in subsection (4) of this section are met.

8 (2) "Institution of higher education" means:

9 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
10 vocational-technical institute operated by the state of Washington or
11 any political subdivision thereof; or

12 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
13 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
14 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
15 by rule of the board. Any institution, branch, extension, or facility
16 operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an
17 institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited
18 member institution of an accrediting association recognized by the
19 board.

20 (3) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
21 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) may use the grant for
22 courses at any private institution as defined in subsection (2)(b) of
23 this section subject to the following conditions:

24 (a) The academic grant shall (~~(not exceed the current academic year~~
25 ~~full-time resident graduate tuition and the services and activities~~
26 ~~fees in effect at the state-funded research universities)) provide
27 reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs incurred for tuition
28 and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours or thirty semester
29 credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit hour not to exceed
30 the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit hour at the University~~

1 of Washington in the year the recipient takes the credits. In
2 addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars shall be
3 provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the academic
4 grant. This stipend shall be provided as reimbursement for actual
5 costs incurred;

6 (b) The academic grant shall be contingent on the private
7 institution matching on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with
8 actual money or by waiver of fees, the amount of the academic grant
9 received by the recipient from the state; and

10 (c) The academic grant may not be used for any courses that include
11 any religious worship or exercise, or apply to any degree in religious,
12 seminarian, or theological academic studies.

13 (4) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
14 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) may use the grant for
15 courses at a public or private higher education institution in another
16 state or country subject to the following conditions:

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

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

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

27 (d) The academic grant may not be used for any courses that include
28 any religious worship or exercise, or apply to any degree in religious,
29 seminarian, or theological academic studies.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.80.265 and 1991 c 255 s 7 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules as
4 necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the academic grants
5 awarded under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a).

6 (2) The rules adopted by the board shall ~~((allow recipients who~~
7 ~~have begun to use the waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547~~
8 ~~prior to May 17, 1991, to take the remaining value of the waiver of~~
9 ~~tuition and fees in the form of the academic grant under RCW~~
10 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a))~~ reflect that the changes to RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a)
11 in section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1992 (section 1 of this act) shall
12 apply to all recipients of a Washington award for excellence in
13 education, regardless of the statutory language in effect at the time
14 the award was granted.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
18 effect April 30, 1992.