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1 AN ACT Relating to financial aid; amending RCW 28B.102.020,  
2 28B.102.060, and 28B.102.040; adding a new section to chapter 28B.102  
3 RCW; and repealing RCW 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) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
10 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in an  
11 approved education program or in the public schools of this state.

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

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

17 (4) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at  
18 least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates achievement of  
19 at least a 3.30 grade point average for students entering an

1 institution of higher education directly from high school or maintains  
2 at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for each academic  
3 year in an institution of higher education, is a resident student as  
4 defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013, and has a declared intention  
5 to complete an approved preparation program leading to initial teacher  
6 certification or required for earning an additional endorsement, or a  
7 college or university graduate who meets the same credit hour  
8 requirements and is seeking an additional teaching endorsement or  
9 initial teacher certification. Resident students defined in RCW  
10 28B.15.012(2)(e) are not eligible students under this chapter.

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

14 (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render  
15 service as a teacher at a public school in the state of Washington in  
16 lieu of monetary repayment.

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

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

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

24 (10) "Approved education program" means an education program for  
25 knowledge and skills generally learned in preschool through twelfth  
26 grade, funded in the state of Washington by the state government,  
27 federal government, public schools, Indian tribes, or community  
28 colleges. Approved education programs may include but need not be  
29 limited to: Head start, early childhood education, early childhood  
30 assistance, developmental education, education centers, English as a  
31 second language, and basic skills programs.

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

34 (1) Participants in the conditional scholarship program incur an  
35 obligation to repay the conditional scholarship, with interest, unless  
36 they teach for ten years in an approved education program or in the  
37 public schools of the state of Washington, under rules adopted by the  
38 board.

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

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

8 (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be  
9 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant teaches in a  
10 public school until the entire repayment obligation is satisfied or the  
11 borrower ceases to teach at a public school in this state. Should the  
12 participant cease to teach at a public school in this state before the  
13 participant's repayment obligation is completed, payments on the  
14 unsatisfied portion of the principal and interest shall begin the next  
15 payment period and continue until the remainder of the participant's  
16 repayment obligation is satisfied.

17 (5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made  
18 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection,  
19 maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are  
20 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall  
21 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment  
22 if necessary, and shall be performed by entities approved for such  
23 servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its  
24 successor agency. The board is responsible to forgive all or parts of  
25 such repayments under the criteria established in this section and  
26 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.102  
2 RCW to read as follows:

3        In consultation with the higher education coordinating board, any  
4 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.07.020, and any  
5 state-supported, four-year institution of higher education is strongly  
6 encouraged to provide participants in the future teachers conditional  
7 scholarship program under this chapter, enrolled at the institution,  
8 with a special program designed to enrich the participants' college  
9 experience and encourage them to enter the teaching profession. The  
10 program may include, but need not be limited to the following elements:

- 11        (1) Providing recipients with faculty mentors;
- 12        (2) Providing opportunities and experiences that encourage the  
13 development of leaders and decision makers;
- 14        (3) Offering special programs, seminars, events, and activities for  
15 scholarship recipients;
- 16        (4) Creating cooperative ventures with local public schools to  
17 ensure that recipients have the opportunity to work closely with  
18 outstanding teachers throughout the recipients' academic careers; and
- 19        (5) Assisting recipients to participate in internships with  
20 businesses and education or governmental organizations.

21        **Sec. 4.**    RCW 28B.102.040 and 1987 c 437 s 4 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23        The higher education coordinating board shall establish a planning  
24 committee to develop criteria for the screening and selection of  
25 recipients of the conditional scholarships. These criteria shall  
26 emphasize factors demonstrating excellence including but not limited to  
27 superior scholastic achievement, leadership ability, community  
28 contributions, and an ability to act as a role model for targeted  
29 ethnic minority students. These criteria also may include the  
30 opportunity to participate in a special program as described in section  
31 3 of this act, and, for approximately half of the recipients,  
32 requirements that those recipients meet the definition of "needy  
33 student" under RCW 28B.10.802.

34        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    RCW 28B.102.900 and 1987 c 437 s 9 are each  
35 repealed.

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