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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1574**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Mason, Radcliff, Carlson, Dunn, Cooper, Conway, Tokuda, Kenney, Doumit, Quall, Sheahan, Hatfield, Blalock, Dickerson, Scott, O'Brien, Costa, Cody and Regala)

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial aid portability; amending RCW  
2 28B.10.790 and 28B.10.802; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW;  
3 creating a new section; and providing expiration dates.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) The racial and ethnic diversity of the population of Washington  
7 is increasing;

8 (b) Employers' demand for well-educated and well-trained graduates  
9 of all ethnic backgrounds is increasing;

10 (c) Special efforts should be made to increase the participation of  
11 people of color in higher education programs;

12 (d) Some of Washington's students of color would benefit from an  
13 opportunity to study in specialized programs or institutions of higher  
14 education located in other states;

15 (e) The state could benefit by creating pilot projects that study  
16 creative, cost-effective ways to meet the postsecondary education needs  
17 of Washington's students; and

1 (f) Historically Black colleges enroll and graduate the majority of  
2 African-American professionals and Ph.D. candidates in the United  
3 States.

4 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to direct the higher  
5 education coordinating board to establish a pilot project that permits  
6 a limited number of students to use their state need grant awards to  
7 study at Morehouse College, Howard University, Spelman College,  
8 Grambling State University, and Tuskegee University.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The historically Black college fund pilot project is created.  
12 Through the pilot project, up to one hundred students may use their  
13 state-funded need grant awards when they study at Morehouse College,  
14 Howard University, Spelman College, Grambling State University, or  
15 Tuskegee University.

16 (2) This section expires June 30, 2002.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall administer the  
20 historically Black college pilot project.

21 (2) The higher education coordinating board shall permit up to one  
22 hundred needy Washington residents domiciled in Washington for at least  
23 one year before enrollment to use their state need grant awards if the  
24 students are enrolled half-time or more in Morehouse College, Howard  
25 University, Spelman College, Grambling State University, or Tuskegee  
26 University.

27 (3) The higher education coordinating board may adopt rules to  
28 establish eligibility criteria for student and institutional  
29 participation in the pilot project.

30 (4) The board shall limit participation in the pilot project to no  
31 more than a total of one hundred students during the course of the  
32 project.

33 (5) By December 15, 2002, the higher education coordinating board  
34 shall report to the governor and appropriate committees of the  
35 legislature on the results of the pilot project. The report shall  
36 include a recommendation on the extent financial aid portability  
37 programs should be revised or expanded for Washington's students.

1 (6) This section expires June 30, 2002.

2 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 1985 c 370 s 54 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or  
5 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with the  
6 state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial aid  
7 program outlined in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 if ~~((+1))~~ (a)  
8 they qualify as a "needy student" under RCW 28B.10.802(3), and ~~((+2))~~  
9 (b) the institution attended is a member institution of an accrediting  
10 association recognized by rule of the higher education coordinating  
11 board for the purposes of this section and is specifically encompassed  
12 within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement and agrees to  
13 and complies with program rules and regulations pertaining to such  
14 students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.10.822.

15 (2) Washington residents participating in the pilot project under  
16 section 2 of this act are eligible for the student financial aid  
17 program outlined in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 if the residents  
18 (a) qualify as needy students under RCW 28B.10.802(3), (b) are enrolled  
19 at an eligible institution as defined by the board under section 3 of  
20 this act, and (c) meet any additional criteria established by the  
21 higher education coordinating board for participation in the pilot  
22 project.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.10.802 and 1989 c 254 s 2 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 As used in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824:

26 (1) "Institutions of higher education" shall mean ~~((+1))~~ (a) any  
27 public university, college, community college, or vocational-technical  
28 institute operated by the state of Washington or any political  
29 subdivision thereof ~~((or—(2)))~~; (b) until June 30, 2002, any  
30 institution of higher education that meets the eligibility requirements  
31 established by the higher education coordinating board under section 3  
32 of this act; or (c) any other university, college, school, or institute  
33 in the state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school  
34 level which is a member institution of an accrediting association  
35 recognized by rule of the board for the purposes of this section:  
36 PROVIDED, That any institution, branch, extension or facility operating  
37 within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution

1 operating in another state must be a separately accredited member  
2 institution of any such accrediting association: PROVIDED FURTHER,  
3 That no institution of higher education shall be eligible to  
4 participate in a student financial aid program unless it agrees to and  
5 complies with program rules and regulations adopted pursuant to RCW  
6 28B.10.822.

7 (2) The term "financial aid" shall mean loans and/or grants to  
8 needy students enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at  
9 institutions of higher education.

10 (3) The term "needy student" shall mean a post high school student  
11 of an institution of higher learning as defined in subsection (1) of  
12 this section who demonstrates to the board the financial inability,  
13 either through the student's parents, family and/or personally, to meet  
14 the total cost of board, room, books, and tuition and incidental fees  
15 for any semester or quarter.

16 (4) The term "disadvantaged student" shall mean a post high school  
17 student who by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,  
18 experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify for  
19 enrollment as a full time student in an institution of higher learning,  
20 who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is attending an  
21 institution of higher learning under an established program designed to  
22 qualify the student for enrollment as a full time student.

23 (5) "Commission" or "board" shall mean the higher education  
24 coordinating board.

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