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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 a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating a new section; and  
4 providing expiration dates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (e) The state could benefit by creating pilot projects that study  
17 creative, cost-effective ways to meet the postsecondary education needs  
18 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, Clark-Atlanta University, Spelman College,  
8 Morris-Brown College, and Tuskegee University.

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

11 (1) The historically Black college fund pilot project is created.  
12 The project permits students to use their state-funded financial aid  
13 awards when students study at Morehouse College, Clark-Atlanta  
14 University, Spelman College, Morris-Brown College, or Tuskegee  
15 University.

16 (2) This section expires June 30, 2000.

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 needy  
22 Washington residents domiciled in Washington for at least one year  
23 before enrollment to use their state need grant and work study awards  
24 if the students are enrolled half-time or more in Morehouse College,  
25 Clark-Atlanta University, Spelman College, Morris-Brown College, or  
26 Tuskegee University.

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

30 (4) By December 15, 2000, the higher education coordinating board  
31 shall report to the governor and appropriate committees of the  
32 legislature on the results of the pilot project. The report shall  
33 include a recommendation on the extent financial aid portability  
34 programs should be revised or expanded for Washington's students.

35 (5) This section expires June 30, 2000.

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

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

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

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

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

25       (1) "Institutions of higher education" shall mean ~~((+1))~~ (a) any  
26 public university, college, community college, or vocational-technical  
27 institute operated by the state of Washington or any political  
28 subdivision thereof ~~((or +2))~~; (b) any institution of higher education  
29 that meets the eligibility requirements established by the higher  
30 education coordinating board under section 3 of this act; or (c) any  
31 other university, college, school, or institute in the state of  
32 Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level which is  
33 a member institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule  
34 of the board for the purposes of this section: PROVIDED, That any  
35 institution, branch, extension or facility operating within the state  
36 of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating in  
37 another state must be a separately accredited member institution of any  
38 such accrediting association: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no institution of

1 higher education shall be eligible to participate in a student  
2 financial aid program unless it agrees to and complies with program  
3 rules and regulations adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.10.822.

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

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

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

20 (5) "Commission" or "board" shall mean the higher education  
21 coordinating board.

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