
SENATE BILL 5897

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By Senators Jacobsen and Finkbeiner

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial aid; and amending RCW 28B.10.808.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.808 and 1991 c 164 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 In awarding grants, the commission shall proceed substantially as
6 follows: (~~PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be construed~~
7 ~~to prevent the commission, in the exercise of its sound discretion,~~
8 ~~from following another procedure when the best interest of the program~~
9 ~~so dictates:))~~)

10 (1) The commission shall annually select the financial aid award
11 winners from among Washington residents applying for student financial
12 aid who have been ranked according to financial need as determined by
13 the amount of the family contribution and other considerations brought
14 to the commission's attention.

15 (2) The financial need of the highest ranked students shall be met
16 by grants depending upon the evaluation of financial need until the
17 total allocation has been disbursed. Funds from grants which are
18 declined, forfeited or otherwise unused shall be reawarded until
19 dispersed.

1 (3) A grant may be renewed until the course of study is completed,
2 but not for more than an additional four academic years beyond the
3 first year of the award. These shall not be required to be consecutive
4 years. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining
5 satisfactory academic standing toward completion of the course of
6 study, and continued eligibility as determined by the commission.
7 Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any reason
8 during the academic year, the unused portion of the grant shall be
9 returned to the state educational grant fund by the institution
10 according to the institution's own policy for issuing refunds, except
11 as provided in RCW 28B.10.8081.

12 (4) In computing financial need the commission shall determine a
13 maximum student expense budget allowance, not to exceed an amount equal
14 to the total maximum student expense budget at the public institutions
15 plus the current average state appropriation per student for operating
16 expense in the public institutions.

17 (5) To the extent funds are available, the award shall be provided
18 to persons with incomes that do not exceed sixty percent of the median
19 family income. The amount of the need grant shall cover the cost of
20 tuition at the institution of higher education the student attends, but
21 shall not exceed the undergraduate resident tuition charged at the
22 state research institutions.

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