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SENATE BILL 6179

State of Washington 55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

By Senators Wood, Kohl, Prince, Bauer, Patterson, McAuliffe, Rasmussen and Hale

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for vocational excellence;
- 2 amending RCW 28C.04.545; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28C.04.545 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 6 are each amended 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) The respective governing boards of the public technical colleges shall provide fee waivers for a maximum of two years for those
- 8 recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence
- 9 established under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.540 who received the
- 10 award before June 30, 1994. To qualify for the waiver, recipients
- 11 shall enter the public technical college within three years of
- 12 receiving the award. An above average rating at the ((vocational-
- 13 technical institute)) technical college in the first year shall be
- 14 required to qualify for the second-year waiver.
- 15 (2) Students named by the work force training and education
- 16 coordinating board after June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington
- award for vocational excellence under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.550
- 18 shall be eligible to receive a grant for undergraduate course work as
- 19 authorized under RCW 28B.80.272.

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(3)(a) Beginning with awards made during the 1997-98 academic year, recipients must complete using the award before the fall term in the sixth year following the date of the award. For these recipients, eligibility for the award is forfeited after this period.

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- (b) All persons awarded a Washington award for vocational excellence before the 1994-95 academic year and who have remaining eligibility on the effective date of this section must complete using the award before September 2001. For these recipients, eligibility for the award is forfeited after this period.
- 10 (c) All persons awarded a Washington award for vocational
 11 excellence during the 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97 academic years must
 12 complete using the award before September 2004. For these recipients,
 13 eligibility for the award is forfeited after this period.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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