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4 WITHDRAWN 3/11/99

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to strengthen the  
8 link between postsecondary education and K-12 education by creating the  
9 Washington's promise scholarship program for academically successful  
10 high school graduates. The legislature finds that, increasingly, an  
11 individual's economic viability is contingent on postsecondary  
12 educational opportunities, yet the state's full financial obligation is  
13 eliminated after the twelfth grade. Students who work hard in  
14 kindergarten through twelfth grade and successfully complete high  
15 school with high academic marks may not have the financial ability to  
16 attend college because they cannot obtain financial aid or the  
17 financial aid is insufficient.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) To qualify for a Washington's promise  
19 scholarship, a student must meet both the academic and financial  
20 requirements in this section.

21 (2)(a) Beginning with the graduating class of 1999 and ending with  
22 the graduating class of 2002, students in the top fifteen percent of  
23 each high school graduating class meet the academic requirement for the  
24 scholarship.

25 (b) Beginning with the tenth grade class taking the Washington  
26 assessment of student learning during the 2000-01 school year, students  
27 who pass all subjects on their first attempt meet the academic  
28 requirement for the scholarship.

29 (c) Beginning with the tenth grade class taking the preliminary  
30 scholastic assessment test during the 2000-01 school year, students who  
31 score in the top fifteen percent of those taking the preliminary  
32 scholastic assessment test meet the academic requirement for the  
33 scholarship.

34 (3) Students must graduate from high school or its equivalent.

1 (4) To meet the financial requirement of the scholarship, the  
2 student's family income must not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent  
3 of the state median family income.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington's promise scholarship  
5 program shall be administered by the higher education coordinating  
6 board.

7 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
8 provide data on class ranking and Washington assessment of student  
9 learning scores to the higher education coordinating board to assist  
10 the higher education coordinating board in awarding scholarships. All  
11 student data should be considered confidential and used solely for the  
12 purposes of providing scholarships to eligible students.

13 (3)(a) For students eligible under section 2(2)(a) of this act, the  
14 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide the  
15 higher education coordinating board with the names, addresses, and  
16 unique numeric identifiers of students in the top fifteen percent of  
17 each respective high school graduating class in Washington state. This  
18 shall be done by the end of the summer following completion of the  
19 twelfth grade to enable students to use the Washington's promise  
20 scholarship upon completion of twelfth grade. The higher education  
21 coordinating board shall make awards to qualifying students in an  
22 amount equal to the cost of a full-time class load for one academic  
23 year at a public community college for each year of these students'  
24 eligibility.

25 (b) For students eligible under section 2(2)(b) of this act, the  
26 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide the  
27 higher education coordinating board with the names of tenth grade  
28 students who passed all subjects of the Washington assessment of  
29 student learning. This shall be done by the end of the summer  
30 following receipt of assessment scores to enable students to use the  
31 Washington's promise scholarship upon completion of twelfth grade. For  
32 each qualifying student, the higher education coordinating board shall  
33 establish an account and place in the account two years of tuition  
34 units at the community college rate, as provided for in chapter 28B.95  
35 RCW.

36 (c) Students shall notify the higher education coordinating board  
37 of their preliminary scholastic aptitude test scores to determine  
38 eligibility under section 2(2)(c) of this act.

1 (4) The scholarship may only be used at accredited institutions of  
2 higher education in the state of Washington.

3 (5) Scholarships may not be transferred.

4 (6) Scholarships may not be refunded to students. Scholarships may  
5 only be returned to the higher education coordinating board.

6 (7) Scholarships awarded under this section may be used for  
7 college-related expenses, including but not limited to, tuition, room  
8 and board, books, materials, and transportation.

9 (8) The Washington's promise scholarship program is not intended to  
10 supplant any federal scholarship or tax program related to  
11 postsecondary education.

12 (9) The scholarship will be awarded only in those academic years  
13 for which the higher education coordinating board verifies that the  
14 financial aid program in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 has been  
15 funded to reach the goal of providing financial aid to all eligible  
16 students up to sixty-five percent of median family income.

17 (10)(a) The Washington's promise scholarship account is created in  
18 the custody of the state treasurer. The account shall be a discrete  
19 nontreasury account retaining its interest earnings in accordance with  
20 RCW 43.79A.040.

21 (b) The higher education coordinating board shall deposit in the  
22 account all money received for the program. The account shall be self-  
23 sustaining and consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the  
24 Washington's promise scholarship program, private contributions to the  
25 program, and receipts from refunds of tuition and fees.

26 (c) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships to  
27 eligible students.

28 (d) With the exception of the operating costs associated with the  
29 management of the account by the treasurer's office as authorized in  
30 chapter 43.79A RCW, the account shall be credited with all investment  
31 income earned by the account.

32 (e) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations  
33 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

34 (f) Disbursements from the account shall be made only on the  
35 authorization of the higher education coordinating board.

36 (11) The higher education coordinating board may adopt rules to  
37 implement this section.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 1998 c 268 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,  
4 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080  
5 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the  
6 state treasury.

7       (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust  
8 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be  
9 known as the investment income account.

10       (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment  
11 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds  
12 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and  
13 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state  
14 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to  
15 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to  
16 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of  
17 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

18       (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
19 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund  
20 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

21       (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
22 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's  
23 average daily balance for the period: The Washington's promise  
24 scholarship account, the Washington advanced college tuition payment  
25 program account, the agricultural local fund, the American Indian  
26 scholarship endowment fund, the Washington international exchange  
27 scholarship endowment fund, the energy account, the fair fund, the game  
28 farm alternative account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the  
29 rural rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center  
30 account, the youth athletic facility grant account, the self-insurance  
31 revolving fund, the sulfur dioxide abatement account, and the  
32 children's trust fund. However, the earnings to be distributed shall  
33 first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's service  
34 fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

35       (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent  
36 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or  
37 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way  
38 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving  
39 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high

1 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,  
2 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

3 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
4 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings  
5 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
7 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW."

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11 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "scholarships;" strike the  
12 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.79A.040; and adding  
13 a new chapter to Title 28B RCW."

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