
HOUSE BILL 2045

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By Representatives Campbell, Dunn and Carlson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington HOPE scholarship pilot program;
2 amending RCW 67.70.240; adding a new section to chapter 28B.80 RCW; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington HOPE scholarship pilot program is established.

8 (2) The higher education coordinating board shall administer the
9 program under this section.

10 (3) The scholarship will be funded by ten percent of the lottery
11 proceeds for each of the years of the program. The HOPE scholarship
12 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts
13 from ten percent of lottery proceeds and any private contributions to
14 the program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the
15 account may be used only for HOPE scholarships. Only the executive
16 director of the higher education coordinating board or the executive
17 director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The
18 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but
19 an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

1 (4) Awards shall be made in May of each year by the higher
2 education coordinating board. The individual scholarships shall not
3 exceed, on a yearly basis, five thousand dollars. Each one-year
4 scholarship shall be for up to five thousand dollars. The number of
5 awards shall be determined by available funds in the HOPE scholarship
6 account.

7 (5) To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must:

8 (a) Graduate with a 3.0 grade point average or better from a public
9 or private high school in Washington state;

10 (b) Have attended high school in Washington state for at least one
11 year before high school graduation;

12 (c) Be enrolled in a degree-granting program in an institution of
13 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 or an independent college
14 or university within one year of receiving the scholarship award. A
15 student is eligible for the award for a maximum of twelve quarters or
16 eight semesters of scholarships for undergraduate study and must
17 complete use of the scholarship within five years of graduating from
18 high school; and

19 (d) Maintain a 3.0 grade point average and be enrolled for a full
20 academic load in order to continue receiving the scholarship award.

21 (6) Scholarships shall be available for the 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-
22 03, and 2003-04 academic years.

23 (7) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
24 provide the names and addresses for all graduating seniors that meet
25 the eligibility requirements in subsection (5)(a) of this section. All
26 student data shall be considered confidential and used solely for the
27 purpose of providing scholarships to eligible students.

28 (8) Scholarship awards under this section are nontransferable to
29 other individuals. Scholarship recipients may transfer among in-state
30 public colleges and universities and continue to receive the
31 scholarship. Scholarships awarded under this section may be used for
32 college-related expenses, including but not limited to, tuition, room
33 and board, books, materials, and transportation.

34 (9) The Washington HOPE scholarship is not intended to supplant any
35 federal scholarship or tax program related to postsecondary education.

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

1 (11) The higher education coordinating board shall report by
2 December 1, 2004, to appropriate committees of the legislature on the
3 implementation and effectiveness of the HOPE scholarship pilot program.

4 (12) This section expires June 30, 2004.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.70.240 and 1997 c 220 s 206 (Referendum Bill No.
6 48) are each amended to read as follows:

7 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only:

8 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery
9 tickets or shares;

10 (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account
11 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account
12 created by RCW 67.70.260;

13 (3) For purposes of making deposits into the state's general fund;

14 (4) For distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the
15 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to
16 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including
17 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs. Three million dollars
18 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.
19 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior
20 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under
21 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction
22 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years
23 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

24 (5) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account,
25 created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW
26 43.99N.070, six million dollars shall be distributed under this
27 subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years,
28 such distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions increased
29 by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection
30 after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the
31 bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this
32 subsection shall cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than
33 December 31, 2020;

34 (6) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-
35 related services; (~~and~~)

36 (7) For the payment of agent compensation; and

37 (8) Until June 30, 2004, for HOPE scholarships under section 1 of
38 this act.

1 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
2 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
3 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
4 in the allotments.

5 Until June 30, 2004, ten percent of lottery proceeds shall be used
6 for HOPE scholarships under section 1 of this act.

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