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1 AN ACT Relating to child care grants for state institutions of
2 higher education; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington fund for student child care
5 in higher education is established. The higher education coordinating
6 board shall administer the program. Through this program the board may
7 award on a competitive basis child care grants to state institutions of
8 higher education to encourage programs to address the need for high
9 quality, accessible, and affordable child care for students at higher
10 education institutions. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period.
11 The university administration and student government association, or
12 its equivalent, of each institution receiving the award shall
13 contribute financial support in an amount equal to the child care grant
14 received by the institution.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The higher education coordinating board
16 shall have the following powers and duties in administering the
17 program:

18 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

1 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the
2 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall
3 include but not be limited to individuals from the Washington
4 association for the education of young children, the child care
5 coordinating committee, and the child care resource and referral
6 network;

7 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting
8 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.
9 During the 1999-2001 biennium the guidelines shall be consistent with
10 the following desired outcomes of increasing access to child care for
11 students, addressing the demand for infant and toddler care, providing
12 affordable child care alternatives, creating more cooperative preschool
13 programs, creating models that can be replicated at other institutions,
14 creating a partnership between student governments and university
15 administrations, and increasing efficiency and innovation at campus
16 child care centers;

17 (4) To establish guidelines for an allocation system based on
18 factors that include but are not limited to: The amount of money
19 available in the trust fund; characteristics of the institutions
20 including the size of the faculty and student body; and the number of
21 child care grants received;

22 (5) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the
23 institutions of higher education about the program; and

24 (6) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,
25 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The fund for student child care in higher
27 education is established in the custody of the state treasurer. Moneys
28 in the fund may be spent only for the purposes of section 1 of this
29 act. Disbursements from the fund shall be on the authorization of the
30 higher education coordinating board. The fund is subject to the
31 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
32 required for disbursements.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
34 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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