

5598-S3

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, West, Jacobsen, Long, Kline, Costa, Snyder, Eide, Patterson, Hale and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Description: Creating the Washington's promise scholarship program.

**SB 5598-S3.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/00)

Declares an intent to strengthen the link between postsecondary education and K-12 education by creating the Washington's promise scholarship program for academically successful high school graduates from low and middle-income families.

Requires the higher education coordinating board, with the assistance of the institutions of higher education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction, to evaluate the impact and the effectiveness of the Washington's promise scholarship program. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An analysis of what other financial assistance promise scholarship recipients are receiving through other federal, state, and institutional programs, including grants, work study, tuition waivers, tax credits, and loan programs;

(2) an analysis of whether the implementation of the promise scholarship has had an impact on student indebtedness; and

(3) an evaluation of what types of students are successfully completing high school but do not have the financial ability to attend college because they cannot obtain financial aid or the financial aid is insufficient. By November 1, 2001, the board shall report its findings and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

Expires December 31, 2001.