

ESB 5676 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.101.005 and 1990 c 288 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The legislature finds that many individuals in the state of
6 Washington have attended college and received an associate of arts or
7 associate of science degree, or (~~its~~) the equivalent, but are
8 placebound.

9 The legislature intends to establish an educational opportunity
10 grant program for placebound students who have completed an associate
11 of arts or associate of science degree, or (~~its~~) the equivalent, in
12 an effort to increase their participation in and completion of upper-
13 division programs.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.101.010 and 1990 c 288 s 3 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 The educational opportunity grant program is hereby created (~~as a~~
17 ~~demonstration project~~) to serve placebound financially needy students
18 by assisting them to obtain a baccalaureate degree at public and
19 private institutions of higher education (~~which have the capacity to~~
20 ~~accommodate such students within existing educational programs and~~
21 ~~facilities~~) approved for participation by the higher education
22 coordinating board.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.101.020 and 1990 c 288 s 4 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) For the purposes of this chapter, "placebound" means unable to
26 (~~relocate to~~) complete a college program because of family or
27 employment commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other
28 similar factors.

1 (2) To be eligible for an educational opportunity grant, applicants
2 must be placebound residents of the state of Washington as defined in
3 RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (d), who: (a) Are needy students as
4 defined in RCW 28B.10.802(3); and ~~((who))~~ (b) have completed the
5 associate of arts or associate of science degree or ~~((its))~~ the
6 equivalent. A placebound resident is one who may be influenced by the
7 receipt of an enhanced student financial aid award to ~~((attend an~~
8 ~~institution that has existing unused capacity rather than attend a~~
9 ~~branch campus established pursuant to chapter 28B.45 RCW))~~ complete a
10 baccalaureate degree at an eligible institution. An eligible
11 placebound applicant is further defined as a person ~~((whose residence~~
12 ~~is located in an area served by a branch campus who, because of family~~
13 ~~or employment commitments, health concerns, monetary need, or other~~
14 ~~similar factors,))~~ who would be unable to complete ~~((an upper-~~
15 ~~division))~~ a baccalaureate course of study but for receipt of an
16 educational opportunity grant.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.101.040 and 2002 c 186 s 3 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Grants may be used by eligible participants to attend any public or
20 private college or university in the state of Washington that is
21 accredited by an accrediting association recognized by rule of the
22 higher education coordinating board for the program and that ~~((has an~~
23 ~~existing unused capacity. Grants shall not be used to attend any~~
24 ~~branch campus or educational program established under chapter 28B.45~~
25 ~~RCW))~~ complies with eligibility criteria established by rule of the
26 higher education coordinating board. The participant shall not be
27 eligible for a grant if it will be used for any programs that include
28 religious worship, exercise, or instruction or to pursue a degree in
29 theology. Each participating student may receive up to two thousand
30 five hundred dollars per academic year, not to exceed the student's
31 demonstrated financial need for the course of study. ~~((Resident~~
32 ~~students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2)(f) are not eligible for grants~~
33 ~~under this chapter.))~~

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.119.010 and 2002 c 204 s 2 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

1 The higher education coordinating board shall design the Washington
2 promise scholarship program based on the following parameters:

3 (1) Scholarships shall be awarded to students graduating from
4 public and approved private high schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW
5 (~~and~~), students participating in home-based instruction as provided
6 in chapter 28A.200 RCW, and persons twenty-one years of age or younger
7 receiving a GED certificate, who meet both an academic and a financial
8 eligibility criteria.

9 (a) Academic eligibility criteria shall be defined as follows:

10 (i) Beginning with the graduating class of 2002, students
11 graduating from public and approved private high schools under chapter
12 28A.195 RCW must be in the top fifteen percent of their graduating
13 class, as identified by each respective high school at the completion
14 of the first term of the student's senior year; or

15 (ii) Students graduating from public high schools, approved private
16 high schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW, (~~and~~) students participating
17 in home-based instruction as provided in chapter 28A.200 RCW, and
18 persons twenty-one years of age or younger receiving a GED certificate,
19 must equal or exceed a cumulative scholastic assessment test I score of
20 twelve hundred on their first attempt or must equal or exceed a
21 composite American college test score of twenty-seven on their first
22 attempt.

23 (b) To meet the financial eligibility criteria, a student's family
24 income shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent of the state
25 median family income adjusted for family size, as determined by the
26 higher education coordinating board for each graduating class.
27 Students not meeting the eligibility requirements for the first year of
28 scholarship benefits may reapply for the second year of benefits, but
29 must still meet the income standard set by the board for the student's
30 graduating class.

31 (2) Promise scholarships are not intended to supplant any grant,
32 scholarship, or tax program related to postsecondary education. If the
33 board finds that promise scholarships supplant or reduce any grant,
34 scholarship, or tax program for categories of students, then the board
35 shall adjust the financial eligibility criteria or the amount of
36 scholarship to the level necessary to avoid supplanting.

1 (3) Within available funds, each qualifying student shall receive
2 two consecutive annual awards, the value of each not to exceed the
3 full-time annual resident tuition rates charged by Washington's
4 community colleges. The higher education coordinating board shall
5 award scholarships to as many students as possible from among those
6 qualifying under this section.

7 (4) By October 15th of each year, the board shall determine the
8 award amount of the scholarships, after taking into consideration the
9 availability of funds.

10 (5) The scholarships may only be used for undergraduate coursework
11 at accredited institutions of higher education in the state of
12 Washington.

13 (6) The scholarships may be used for undergraduate coursework at
14 Oregon institutions of higher education that are part of the border
15 county higher education opportunity project in RCW 28B.80.806 when
16 those institutions offer programs not available at accredited
17 institutions of higher education in Washington state.

18 (7) The scholarships may be used for college-related expenses,
19 including but not limited to, tuition, room and board, books, and
20 materials.

21 (8) The scholarships may not be awarded to any student who is
22 pursuing a degree in theology.

23 (9) The higher education coordinating board may establish
24 satisfactory progress standards for the continued receipt of the
25 promise scholarship.

26 (10) The higher education coordinating board shall establish the
27 time frame within which the student must use the scholarship."

28 Correct the title.

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