

ESHB 2381 - S AMD 800 to S AMD (HIE S4996.1)
By Senator Benton

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1 On page 3, after line 11, insert the following:

2 **"Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.119.010 and 2003 c 233 s 5 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

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

6 (1) Scholarships shall be awarded to students graduating from
7 public and approved private high schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW,
8 students participating in home-based instruction as provided in chapter
9 28A.200 RCW, and persons twenty-one years of age or younger receiving
10 a GED certificate, who meet both an academic and a financial
11 eligibility criteria.

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

13 (i) Beginning with the graduating class of 2002, students
14 graduating from public and approved private high schools under chapter
15 28A.195 RCW must be in the top fifteen percent of their graduating
16 class, as identified by each respective high school at the completion
17 of the first term of the student's senior year; or

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

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

1 must still meet the income standard set by the board for the student's
2 graduating class.

3 (2) Promise scholarships are not intended to supplant any grant,
4 scholarship, or tax program related to postsecondary education. If the
5 board finds that promise scholarships supplant or reduce any grant,
6 scholarship, or tax program for categories of students, then the board
7 shall adjust the financial eligibility criteria or the amount of
8 scholarship to the level necessary to avoid supplanting.

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

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

18 (5) The scholarships may only be used for undergraduate coursework
19 at accredited institutions of higher education in the state of
20 Washington.

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

26 (7) The board at its discretion may allow the scholarship to be
27 used for undergraduate education at Oregon and Idaho institutions,
28 located in counties adjacent to the Washington border, in order to
29 accommodate otherwise eligible students with special needs due to
30 documented disabilities. The board may establish rules regarding
31 acceptable documentation of disabilities and the special needs.

32 (8) The scholarships may be used for college-related expenses,
33 including but not limited to, tuition, room and board, books, and
34 materials.

35 ((+8)) (9) The scholarships may not be awarded to any student who
36 is pursuing a degree in theology.

37 ((+9)) (10) The higher education coordinating board may establish
38 satisfactory progress standards for the continued receipt of the
39 promise scholarship.

