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By Senators Schmidt, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the national guard conditional scholarship; and
2 amending RCW 28B.103.010 and 28B.103.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.103.010 and 2000 c 159 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this section and RCW 28B.103.020 and
8 28B.103.030.

9 (1) "Eligible student" means an enlisted member or an officer of
10 the rank of captain or below in the Washington national guard who
11 attends an institution of higher education that is located in this
12 state and accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and
13 Colleges, or beginning September 1, 2006, an institution that is
14 located in this state that provides approved training under the
15 Montgomery GI Bill, and who meets any additional selection criteria
16 adopted by the office.

17 (2) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in
18 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a member of the
19 Washington national guard under rules adopted by the office.

1 (3) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means either to
2 render service in the Washington national guard in lieu of monetary
3 repayment, or to be relieved of the service obligation under rules
4 adopted by the office.

5 (4) "Office" means the office of the adjutant general of the state
6 military department.

7 (5) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a
8 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

9 (6) "Service obligation" means serving in the Washington national
10 guard for one additional year for each year of conditional scholarship
11 received under this program.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.103.020 and 1994 c 234 s 6 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 The Washington state national guard conditional scholarship program
15 is established. The program shall be administered by the office. In
16 administering the program, the powers and duties of the office shall
17 include, but need not be limited to:

18 (1) The selection of eligible students to receive conditional
19 scholarships;

20 (2) The award of conditional scholarships funded by federal and
21 state funds, private donations, or repayments from any participant who
22 does not complete the participant's service obligation. Use of state
23 funds is subject to available funds. The annual amount of each
24 conditional scholarship may vary, but shall not exceed the annual cost
25 of undergraduate tuition fees and services and activities fees at the
26 University of Washington, plus an allowance for books and supplies;

27 (3) The adoption of necessary rules and guidelines, including
28 establishing a priority for eligible students attending an institution
29 of higher education located in this state that is accredited by the
30 Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges;

31 (4) The adoption of participant selection criteria. The criteria
32 may include but need not be limited to requirements for: Satisfactory
33 progress, minimum grade point averages, enrollment in courses or
34 programs that lead to a baccalaureate degree or an associate degree or
35 a certificate, and satisfactory participation as a member of the
36 Washington national guard;

1 (5) The notification of participants of their additional service
2 obligation or required repayment of the conditional scholarship; and
3 (6) The collection of repayments from participants who do not meet
4 the eligibility criteria or service obligations.

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