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By Committee on Ways & Means

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The GET ready for math and science
4 scholarship program is established. The purpose of the program is to
5 provide scholarships to students who achieve level four on the
6 mathematics or science portions of the tenth grade Washington
7 assessment of student learning or achieve a score in the math section
8 of the SAT or the math section of the ACT that is above the ninety-
9 fifth percentile, major in a mathematics, science, or related field in
10 college, and commit to working in mathematics, science, or a related
11 field for at least three years in Washington following completion of
12 their bachelor's degree. The program shall be administered by the
13 nonprofit organization selected as the private partner in the public-
14 private partnership.

15 (2) The total annual amount of each GET ready for math and science
16 scholarship may vary, but shall not exceed the annual cost of resident
17 undergraduate tuition fees and mandatory fees at the University of
18 Washington. An eligible recipient may receive a GET ready for math and
19 science scholarship for up to one hundred eighty quarter credits, or
20 the semester equivalent, or for up to five years, whichever comes
21 first.

22 (3) Scholarships shall be awarded only to the extent that state
23 funds and private matching funds are available for that purpose in the
24 GET ready for math and science account established in section 11 of
25 this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
27 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

28 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

1 (2) "GET units" means tuition units under the advanced college
2 tuition payment program in chapter 28B.95 RCW.

3 (3) "Institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in
4 RCW 28B.92.030.

5 (4) "Program administrator" means the private nonprofit corporation
6 that is registered under Title 24 RCW and qualified as a tax-exempt
7 entity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code,
8 that will serve as the private partner in the public-private
9 partnership under this chapter.

10 (5) "Qualified program" or "qualified major" means a mathematics,
11 science, or related degree program or major line of study offered by an
12 institution of higher education that is included on the list of
13 programs or majors selected by the board and the program administrator
14 under section 10 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) An eligible student is a student who:

16 (a) Is eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in
17 RCW 28B.15.012;

18 (b) Achieved level four on the mathematics or science portion of
19 the tenth grade Washington assessment of student learning or achieved
20 a score in the math section of the SAT or the math section of the ACT
21 that is above the ninety-fifth percentile;

22 (c) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five percent
23 of the state median family income at the time the student applies for
24 a GET ready for math and science scholarship and for up to the two
25 previous years;

26 (d) Has declared an intention to complete a qualified program or
27 qualified major or has entered a qualified program or declared a
28 qualified major at an institution of higher education;

29 (e) Has declared an intention to work in a mathematics, science, or
30 related field in Washington for at least three years immediately
31 following completion of a bachelor's degree or higher degree.

32 (2) An eligible recipient is an eligible student who:

33 (a) Has been awarded a scholarship in accordance with the selection
34 criteria and process established by the board and the program
35 administrator;

36 (b) Enrolls at an institution of higher education within one year
37 of graduating from high school;

1 (c) Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the
2 institution of higher education where the student is enrolled;

3 (d) Takes at least one college-level mathematics or science course
4 each term since enrolling in an institution of higher education; and

5 (e) Enters a qualified program or qualified major no later than the
6 end of the first term in which the student has junior level standing.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) If the student enrolls in a qualified
8 program or declares a qualified major and the program or major is
9 subsequently removed from the list of qualified programs and qualified
10 majors by the board and the program administrator, the student's
11 eligibility to receive a GET ready for math and science scholarship
12 shall not be affected.

13 (2) If a student who received a GET ready for math and science
14 scholarship ceases to be enrolled in an institution of higher
15 education, withdraws or is no longer enrolled in a qualified program,
16 declares a major that is not a qualified major, or otherwise is no
17 longer eligible to receive a GET ready for math and science
18 scholarship, the student shall notify the program administrator as soon
19 as practicable and is not eligible for further GET ready for math and
20 science scholarship awards. Such a student shall also repay the amount
21 of the GET ready for math and science scholarship awarded to the
22 student as required by section 5 of this act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) A recipient of a GET ready for math and
24 science scholarship incurs an obligation to repay the scholarship, with
25 interest and an equalization fee, if he or she does not:

26 (a) Graduate with a bachelor's degree from a qualified program or
27 in a qualified major within five years of first enrolling at an
28 institution of higher education; and

29 (b) Work in Washington in a mathematics, science, or related
30 occupation full time for at least three years following completion of
31 a bachelor's degree, unless he or she is enrolled in a graduate degree
32 program as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

33 (2) A former scholarship recipient who has earned a bachelor's
34 degree shall annually verify to the board that he or she is working
35 full time in a mathematics, science, or related field for three years.

1 (3) If a former scholarship recipient begins but then stops working
2 full time in a mathematics, science, or related field within three
3 years following completion of a bachelor's degree, he or she shall pay
4 back a prorated portion of the amount of the GET ready for math and
5 science scholarship award received by the recipient, plus interest and
6 a prorated equalization fee.

7 (4) A recipient may postpone for up to three years his or her in-
8 state work obligation if he or she enrolls full time in a graduate
9 degree program in mathematics, science, or a related field.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The office of the superintendent of public
11 instruction shall:

12 (1) Notify elementary, middle, junior high, high school, and school
13 district staff and administrators, and the children's administration of
14 the department of social and health services about the GET ready for
15 math and science scholarship program using methods in place for
16 communicating with schools and school districts; and

17 (2) Provide data showing the race, ethnicity, income, and other
18 available demographic information of students who achieve level four of
19 the math and science Washington assessment of student learning in the
20 tenth grade. Compare those data with comparable information on the
21 tenth grade student population as a whole. Submit a report with the
22 analysis to the committees responsible for education and higher
23 education in the legislature on December 1st of even-numbered years.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The board shall:

25 (1) Purchase GET units to be owned and held in trust by the board,
26 for the purpose of scholarship awards as provided for in this section;

27 (2) Distribute scholarship funds, in the form of GET units or
28 through direct payments from the GET ready for math and science
29 scholarship account, to institutions of higher education on behalf of
30 eligible recipients identified by the program administrator;

31 (3) Provide the program administrator with annual reports regarding
32 enrollment, contact, and graduation information of GET ready for math
33 and science scholarship recipients, if the recipients have given
34 permission for the board to do so;

35 (4) Collect repayments from former scholarship recipients who do
36 not meet the eligibility criteria or work obligations;

1 (5) Establish rules for scholarship repayment, approved leaves of
2 absence, deferments, and exceptions to recognize extenuating
3 circumstances that may impact students; and

4 (6) Provide information to school districts in Washington, at least
5 once per year, about the GET ready for math and science scholarship
6 program.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** School districts shall:

8 (1) Notify parents, teachers, counselors, and principals about the
9 GET ready for math and science scholarship program through existing
10 channels. Notification methods may include, but are not limited to,
11 regular school district and building communications, online scholarship
12 bulletins and announcements, notices posted on school walls and
13 bulletin boards, information available in each counselor's office, and
14 school or district scholarship information sessions.

15 (2) Provide each student who achieves level four on the mathematics
16 or science high school Washington assessment of student learning with
17 information regarding the scholarship program and how to contact the
18 program administrator.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The program administrator shall:

20 (1) Solicit and accept grants and donations from private sources to
21 match state funds appropriated for the GET ready for math and science
22 scholarship program;

23 (2) Develop and implement an application, selection, and
24 notification process for awarding GET ready for math and science
25 scholarships;

26 (3) Notify institutions of higher education of scholarship
27 recipients who will attend their institutions and inform them of the
28 terms of the students' eligibility; and

29 (4) Report to private donors on the program outcomes and facilitate
30 contact between scholarship recipients and donors, if the recipients
31 have given the program administrator permission to do so, in order for
32 donors to offer employment opportunities, internships, and career
33 information to recipients.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The board and the program administrator
35 shall jointly:

1 (1) Determine criteria for qualifying undergraduate programs,
2 majors, and courses leading to a bachelor's degree in mathematics,
3 science, or a related field, offered by institutions of higher
4 education. The board shall publish the criteria for qualified courses,
5 and lists of qualified programs and qualified majors on its web site on
6 a biennial basis; and

7 (2) Establish criteria for selecting among eligible applicants
8 those who, without scholarship assistance, would be least likely to
9 pursue a qualified undergraduate program at an institution of higher
10 education in Washington state.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The GET ready for math and science
12 scholarship account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.

13 (2) The board shall deposit into the account all money received for
14 the GET ready for math and science scholarship program from
15 appropriations and private sources. The account shall be
16 self-sustaining.

17 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships to
18 eligible students and for purchases of GET units. Purchased GET units
19 shall be owned and held in trust by the board. Expenditures from the
20 account shall be an equal match of state appropriations and private
21 funds raised by the program administrator.

22 (4) With the exception of the operating costs associated with the
23 management of the account by the treasurer's office as authorized in
24 chapter 43.79A RCW, the account shall be credited with all investment
25 income earned by the account.

26 (5) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations
27 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

28 (6) Disbursements from the account shall be made only on the
29 authorization of the board.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.95
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 Ownership of tuition units purchased by the higher education
33 coordinating board for the GET ready for math and science scholarship
34 program under section 7 of this act shall be in the name of the state
35 of Washington and may be redeemed by the state of Washington on behalf

1 of recipients of GET ready for math and science scholarship program
2 scholarships for tuition and fees.

3 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.95.060 and 2000 c 14 s 5 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The Washington advanced college tuition payment program account
6 is created in the custody of the state treasurer. The account shall be
7 a discrete nontreasury account retaining its interest earnings in
8 accordance with RCW 43.79A.040.

9 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the governing
10 body shall deposit in the account all money received for the program.
11 The account shall be self-sustaining and consist of payments received
12 from purchasers of tuition units and funds received from other sources,
13 public or private. With the exception of investment and operating
14 costs associated with the investment of money by the investment board
15 paid under RCW 43.33A.160 and 43.84.160, the account shall be credited
16 with all investment income earned by the account. Disbursements from
17 the account are exempt from appropriations and the allotment provisions
18 of chapter 43.88 RCW. Money used for program administration is subject
19 to the allotment of all expenditures. However, an appropriation is not
20 required for such expenditures. Program administration shall include,
21 but not be limited to: The salaries and expenses of the program
22 personnel including lease payments, travel, and goods and services
23 necessary for program operation; contracts for program promotion and
24 advertisement, audits, and account management; and other general costs
25 of conducting the business of the program.

26 (b) All money received by the program from the higher education
27 coordinating board for the GET ready for math and science scholarship
28 program shall be deposited in the GET ready for math and science
29 scholarship account created in section 11 of this act.

30 (3) The assets of the account may be spent without appropriation
31 for the purpose of making payments to institutions of higher education
32 on behalf of the qualified beneficiaries, making refunds, transfers, or
33 direct payments upon the termination of the Washington advanced college
34 tuition payment program. Disbursements from the account shall be made
35 only on the authorization of the governing body.

36 (4) With regard to the assets of the account, the state acts in a

1 fiduciary, not ownership, capacity. Therefore the assets of the
2 program are not considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the
3 state.

4 **Sec. 14.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2006 c 311 s 21 and 2006 c 120 s 2 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,
7 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080
8 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the
9 state treasury.

10 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
11 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
12 known as the investment income account.

13 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
14 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
15 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
16 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
17 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
18 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
19 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of
20 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

21 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
22 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
23 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

24 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
25 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
26 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise
27 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the
28 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the
29 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment
30 fund, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
31 endowed scholarship trust fund, the students with dependents grant
32 account, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the
33 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
34 fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the Washington
35 international exchange scholarship endowment fund, the developmental
36 disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account, the fair fund,
37 the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the future teachers

1 conditional scholarship account, the game farm alternative account, the
2 GET ready for math and science scholarship account, the grain
3 inspection revolving fund, the juvenile accountability incentive
4 account, the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' plan 2
5 expense fund, the local tourism promotion account, the produce railcar
6 pool account, the regional transportation investment district account,
7 the rural rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center
8 account, the youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance
9 revolving fund, the sulfur dioxide abatement account, the children's
10 trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission Washington bred
11 owners' bonus fund account, the Washington horse racing commission
12 class C purse fund account, the individual development account program
13 account, the Washington horse racing commission operating account
14 (earnings from the Washington horse racing commission operating account
15 must be credited to the Washington horse racing commission class C
16 purse fund account), the life sciences discovery fund, and the reading
17 achievement account. However, the earnings to be distributed shall
18 first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's service
19 fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

20 (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent
21 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
22 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way
23 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
24 account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the
25 federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle
26 account, the local rail service assistance account, and the
27 miscellaneous transportation programs account.

28 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
29 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
30 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Sections 1 through 11 of this act
32 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW."

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 2 of the title, after "program;"
2 strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.95.060;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter
4 28B.95 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW."

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