

**2SSB 6673 - S AMD 56**

By Senator Rockefeller and McAuliffe

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1 On page 8, after line 7, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 10. RCW 28B.118.010 and 2007 c 405 s 2 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 The higher education coordinating board shall design the Washington  
5 college bound scholarship program in accordance with this section.

6 (1) "Eligible students" are those students who qualify for free or  
7 reduced-price lunches. If a student qualifies in the seventh grade,  
8 the student remains eligible even if the student does not receive free  
9 or reduced-price lunches thereafter.

10 (2) Eligible students shall be notified of their eligibility for  
11 the Washington college bound scholarship program beginning in their  
12 seventh grade year. Students shall also be notified of the  
13 requirements for award of the scholarship.

14 (3) To be eligible for a Washington college bound scholarship, a  
15 student must sign a pledge during seventh or eighth grade that includes  
16 a commitment to graduate from high school with at least a C average and  
17 with no felony convictions. Students who were in the eighth grade  
18 during the 2007-08 school year may sign the pledge during the 2008-09  
19 school year. The pledge must be witnessed by a parent or guardian and  
20 forwarded to the higher education coordinating board by mail or  
21 electronically, as indicated on the pledge form.

22 (4)(a) Scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students  
23 graduating from public high schools, approved private high schools  
24 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or who received home-based instruction under  
25 chapter 28A.200 RCW.

26 (b) To receive the Washington college bound scholarship, a student  
27 must graduate with at least a "C" average from a public high school or  
28 an approved private high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW in Washington  
29 or have received home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, must

1 have no felony convictions, and must be a resident student as defined  
2 in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (d).

3 (5) A student's family income will be assessed upon graduation  
4 before awarding the scholarship.

5 (6) If at graduation from high school the student's family income  
6 does not exceed sixty-five percent of the state median family income,  
7 scholarship award amounts shall be as provided in this section.

8 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of higher  
9 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the value of the award shall be  
10 (i) the difference between the student's tuition and required fees,  
11 less the value of any state-funded grant, scholarship, or waiver  
12 assistance the student receives; (ii) plus five hundred dollars for  
13 books and materials.

14 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of higher  
15 education in Washington, the award amount shall be the representative  
16 average of awards granted to students in public research universities  
17 in Washington.

18 (c) For students attending private vocational schools in  
19 Washington, the award amount shall be the representative average of  
20 awards granted to students in public community and technical colleges  
21 in Washington.

22 (7) Recipients may receive no more than four full-time years' worth  
23 of scholarship awards.

24 (8) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all  
25 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would  
26 otherwise qualify. The Washington college bound scholarship is  
27 intended to replace unmet need, loans, and, at the student's option,  
28 work-study award before any other grants or scholarships are reduced.

29 (9) The first scholarships shall be awarded to students graduating  
30 in 2012.

31 (10) The state of Washington retains legal ownership of tuition  
32 units awarded as scholarships under this chapter until the tuition  
33 units are redeemed. These tuition units shall remain separately held  
34 from any tuition units owned under chapter 28B.95 RCW by a Washington  
35 college bound scholarship recipient.

36 (11) The scholarship award must be used within five years of  
37 receipt. Any unused scholarship tuition units revert to the Washington  
38 college bound scholarship account.

1           (12) Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any  
2 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the scholarship  
3 tuition units shall revert to the Washington college bound scholarship  
4 account."

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5           On page 2, line 2 of the title, after "28A.165.035" insert "and  
6 28B.118.010"

EFFECT:       Students who are in the 8th grade during the College  
Bound Scholarship's first year will have two years within which to  
learn about and sign up for the scholarship, as is already allowed for  
students in all subsequent years.

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