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1 AN ACT Relating to the GET ready for math and science scholarship
2 program; amending RCW 28B.95.060; reenacting and amending RCW
3 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter 28B.95 RCW; and adding a
4 new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

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

18 (2) The total annual amount of each GET ready for math and science
19 scholarship may vary, but shall not exceed the annual cost of resident

1 undergraduate tuition fees and mandatory fees at the University of
2 Washington. An eligible recipient may receive a GET ready for math and
3 science scholarship for up to one hundred eighty quarter credits, or
4 the semester equivalent, or for up to five years, whichever comes
5 first.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (d) Has declared an intention to complete a qualified program or
35 qualified major or has entered a qualified program or declared a
36 qualified major at an institution of higher education;

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

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

5 (a) Enrolls at an institution of higher education within one year
6 of graduating from high school;

7 (b) Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the
8 institution of higher education where the student is enrolled;

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (b) Work in Washington in a mathematics, science, or related

1 occupation full time for at least three years following completion of
2 a bachelor's degree, unless he or she is enrolled in a graduate degree
3 program as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

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

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

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

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The office of the superintendent of public
17 instruction shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (2) Develop and implement an application, selection, and
30 notification process for awarding GET ready for math and science
31 scholarships;

32 (3) Notify institutions of higher education of scholarship
33 recipients who will attend their institutions and inform them of the
34 terms of the students' eligibility; and

35 (4) Report to private donors on the program outcomes and facilitate
36 contact between scholarship recipients and donors, if the recipients

1 have given the program administrator permission to do so, in order for
2 donors to offer employment opportunities, internships, and career
3 information to recipients.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The board and the program administrator
5 shall jointly determine criteria for qualifying undergraduate programs,
6 majors, and courses leading to a bachelor's degree in mathematics,
7 science, or a related field, offered by institutions of higher
8 education. The board shall publish the criteria for qualified courses,
9 and lists of qualified programs and qualified majors on its web site on
10 a biennial basis.

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

1 of Washington and may be redeemed by the state of Washington on behalf
2 of recipients of GET ready for math and science scholarship program
3 scholarships for tuition and fees.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (4) With regard to the assets of the account, the state acts in a
2 fiduciary, not ownership, capacity. Therefore the assets of the
3 program are not considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the
4 state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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