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1 AN ACT Relating to revitalizing student financial aid; amending RCW
2 28B.92.060, 28B.92.030, 28B.15.543, 28B.76.660, 28B.76.665,
3 28B.15.0681, 28B.76.500, 28B.15.820, and 28B.12.030; adding a new
4 section to chapter 28B.101 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.92
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; adding a new section
6 to chapter 28C.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW;
7 adding new sections to chapter 28B.12 RCW; creating a new section;
8 repealing RCW 28B.76.670, 28C.04.520, 28C.04.525, 28C.04.530,
9 28C.04.535, 28C.04.540, 28C.04.545, 28C.04.550, 28B.101.005,
10 28B.101.010, 28B.101.020, 28B.101.030, and 28B.101.040; providing
11 effective dates; and providing expiration dates.

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

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a myriad of
14 financial aid programs exist for students at the federal, state, local,
15 community, and institutional levels. These programs enable thousands
16 of students across Washington to access all sectors of higher
17 education, from apprenticeship programs to public and private four and
18 two-year institutions of higher education. The legislature further
19 finds that Washington state is a national leader in the distribution of

1 financial aid to increase college access and affordability, ranking
2 fourth in the nation in 2007 in terms of state student grant aid
3 funding per capita.

4 It is the intent of the legislature to promote and expand access to
5 state financial aid programs by determining which programs provide the
6 greatest value to the largest number of students, and by fully
7 supporting those programs. Furthermore, it is the intent of the
8 legislature to designate all existing financial aid an opportunity
9 grant, with the effect of providing students with a clear understanding
10 of available resources to pay for postsecondary education, thereby
11 increasing access to postsecondary education and meeting the needs of
12 local business and industry.

13 It is the intent of the legislature that the higher education
14 coordinating board and institutions of higher education coordinate the
15 development of outreach tools, such as a web-based portal for
16 information on all opportunity grant aid programs. The information
17 should be communicated in a format and manner that provides an ease of
18 understanding for students and their families and include other
19 pertinent information on institutions of higher education, costs, and
20 academic programs. It is also the intent of the legislature for
21 institutions of higher education to incorporate this information in
22 promotional materials to prospective and current students and their
23 families.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.101
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) The legislature intends to consolidate the educational
27 opportunity grant program over a period of two years. As of August 1,
28 2009, no new educational opportunity grants may be made. Persons who
29 have been selected by the higher education coordinating board to
30 receive a grant before August 1, 2009, shall receive the full amount of
31 their award, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per
32 academic year for a maximum of two years. All persons awarded an
33 educational opportunity grant before August 1, 2009, must complete
34 using the award before August 1, 2011. For these recipients,
35 eligibility for the grant is forfeited after this period.

36 (2) This section expires August 1, 2011.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose and within
4 overall appropriations for the state need grant as defined in this
5 chapter, need grants are provided for persons who meet all of the
6 following criteria:

- 7 (1) Are needy students as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;
- 8 (2) Are placebound students as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; and
- 9 (3) Have completed the associate of arts or the associate of
10 science degree.

11 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.92.060 and 2007 c 404 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 In awarding need grants, the board shall proceed substantially as
14 follows: PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to
15 prevent the board, in the exercise of its sound discretion, from
16 following another procedure when the best interest of the program so
17 dictates:

18 (1) The board shall annually select the financial aid award
19 recipients from among Washington residents applying for student
20 financial aid who have been ranked according to:

21 (a) Financial need as determined by the amount of the family
22 contribution; and

23 (b) Other considerations, such as whether the student is a former
24 foster youth, or is a placebound student who has completed an associate
25 of arts or associate of science degree or its equivalent.

26 (2) The financial need of the highest ranked students shall be met
27 by grants depending upon the evaluation of financial need until the
28 total allocation has been disbursed. Funds from grants which are
29 declined, forfeited or otherwise unused shall be reawarded until
30 disbursed, except that eligible former foster youth shall be assured
31 receipt of a grant.

32 (3) A student shall be eligible to receive a state need grant for
33 up to five years, or the credit or clock hour equivalent of five years,
34 or up to one hundred twenty-five percent of the published length of
35 time of the student's program. A student may not start a new associate
36 degree program as a state need grant recipient until at least five
37 years have elapsed since earning an associate degree as a need grant

1 recipient, except that a student may earn two associate degrees
2 concurrently. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining
3 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible program
4 as determined by the board. Should the recipient terminate his or her
5 enrollment for any reason during the academic year, the unused portion
6 of the grant shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by
7 the institution according to the institution's own policy for issuing
8 refunds, except as provided in RCW 28B.92.070.

9 (4) In computing financial need, the board shall determine a
10 maximum student expense budget allowance, not to exceed an amount equal
11 to the total maximum student expense budget at the public institutions
12 plus the current average state appropriation per student for operating
13 expense in the public institutions. Any child support payments
14 received by students who are parents attending less than half-time
15 shall not be used in computing financial need.

16 (5)(a) A student who is enrolled in three to six credit-bearing
17 quarter credits, or the equivalent semester credits, may receive a
18 grant for up to one academic year before beginning a program that leads
19 to a degree or certificate.

20 (b) An eligible student enrolled on a less-than-full-time basis
21 shall receive a prorated portion of his or her state need grant for any
22 academic period in which he or she is enrolled on a less-than-full-time
23 basis, as long as funds are available.

24 (c) An institution of higher education may award a state need grant
25 to an eligible student enrolled in three to six credit-bearing quarter
26 credits, or the semester equivalent, on a provisional basis if:

27 (i) The student has not previously received a state need grant from
28 that institution;

29 (ii) The student completes the required free application for
30 federal student aid;

31 (iii) The institution has reviewed the student's financial
32 condition, and the financial condition of the student's family if the
33 student is a dependent student, and has determined that the student is
34 likely eligible for a state need grant; and

35 (iv) The student has signed a document attesting to the fact that
36 the financial information provided on the free application for federal
37 student aid and any additional financial information provided directly

1 to the institution is accurate and complete, and that the student
2 agrees to repay the institution for the grant amount if the student
3 submitted false or incomplete information.

4 (6) As used in this section, "former foster youth" means a person
5 who is at least eighteen years of age, but not more than twenty-four
6 years of age, who was a dependent of the department of social and
7 health services at the time he or she attained the age of eighteen.

8 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2004 c 275 s 35 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 As used in this chapter:

11 (1) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

12 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or technical
13 college operated by the state of Washington or any political
14 subdivision thereof; or

15 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
16 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
17 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
18 by rule of the board for the purposes of this section: PROVIDED, That
19 any institution, branch, extension or facility operating within the
20 state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating
21 in another state must be a separately accredited member institution of
22 any such accrediting association, or a branch of a member institution
23 of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the board for
24 purposes of this section, that is eligible for federal student
25 financial aid assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or
26 university delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of
27 twenty consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an
28 annual enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent
29 students: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no institution of higher education
30 shall be eligible to participate in a student financial aid program
31 unless it agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations
32 adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.92.150.

33 (2) "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to needy students
34 enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at institutions of
35 higher education.

36 (3) "Needy student" means a post high school student of an
37 institution of higher education who demonstrates to the board the

1 financial inability, either through the student's parents, family
2 and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and
3 tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter.

4 (4) "Disadvantaged student" means a post high school student who by
5 reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental, experiential,
6 familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify for enrollment as
7 a full time student in an institution of higher education, who would
8 otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is attending an
9 institution of higher education under an established program designed
10 to qualify the student for enrollment as a full time student.

11 (5) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

12 (6) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to
13 complete a college program because of family or employment commitments,
14 health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar factors; and (b)
15 may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced student financial aid
16 award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an eligible institution.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The legislature intends to change eligibility requirements of
20 the Washington scholars program. Persons who have been selected by the
21 higher education coordinating board as Washington scholars or
22 Washington scholars-alternates before August 1, 2009, shall continue to
23 be eligible to receive a maximum of twelve quarters or eight semesters
24 of grants for undergraduate study, subject to applicable rule of the
25 higher education coordinating board. Persons who have been selected by
26 the higher education coordinating board as Washington scholars or
27 Washington scholars-alternates on or after August 1, 2009, are eligible
28 to receive a maximum of six quarters or four semesters of grants for
29 undergraduate study.

30 (2) It is further the intent of the legislature to redirect any
31 cost savings gained through changes in eligibility criteria to the
32 Washington scholars program to the state work-study program, as defined
33 in chapter 28B.12 RCW.

34 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.15.543 and 2004 c 275 s 49 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing

1 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
2 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall waive tuition
3 and service and activities fees for students named by the higher
4 education coordinating board on or before June 30, 1994, as recipients
5 of the Washington scholars award under RCW 28A.600.100 through
6 28A.600.150. The waivers shall be used only for undergraduate studies.
7 To qualify for the waiver, recipients shall enter the college or
8 university within three years of high school graduation and maintain a
9 minimum grade point average at the college or university equivalent to
10 3.30. Students (~~(shall be)~~) named as recipients before August 1, 2009,
11 are eligible to receive a maximum of twelve quarters or eight semesters
12 of waivers and may transfer among state-supported institutions of
13 higher education during that period and continue to have the tuition
14 and services and activities fees waived by the state-supported
15 institution of higher education that the student attends. Beginning
16 August 1, 2009, students named as recipients are eligible to receive a
17 maximum of six quarters or four semesters of waivers and may transfer
18 among state-supported institutions of higher education during that
19 period and continue to have the tuition and services and activities
20 fees waived by the state-supported institution of higher education that
21 the student attends. Should the student's cumulative grade point
22 average fall below 3.30 during the first three quarters or two
23 semesters, that student may petition the higher education coordinating
24 board which shall have the authority to establish a probationary period
25 until such time as the student's grade point average meets required
26 standards.

27 (2) Students named by the higher education coordinating board after
28 June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW
29 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 shall be eligible to receive a grant
30 for undergraduate course work as authorized under RCW 28B.76.660.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.76.660 and 2005 c 518 s 917 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) Recipients of the Washington scholars award or the Washington
34 scholars-alternate award under RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 who
35 choose to attend an independent college or university in this state, as
36 defined in subsection (4) of this section, and recipients of the award
37 named after June 30, 1994, who choose to attend a public college or

1 university in the state may receive grants under this section if moneys
2 are available. The higher education coordinating board shall
3 distribute grants to eligible students under this section from moneys
4 appropriated for this purpose. The individual grants shall not exceed,
5 on a yearly basis, the yearly, full-time, resident, undergraduate
6 tuition and service and activities fees in effect at the state-funded
7 research universities. Grants to recipients attending an independent
8 institution shall be contingent upon the institution matching on at
9 least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with actual money or by a
10 waiver of fees, the amount of the grant received by the student from
11 the state. The higher education coordinating board shall establish
12 procedures, by rule, to disburse the awards as direct grants to the
13 students.

14 (2) The higher education coordinating board shall establish rules
15 that provide for the annual awarding of grants, if moneys are
16 available, to three Washington scholars per legislative district except
17 for fiscal year 2007 when no more than two scholars per district shall
18 be selected; and, if not used by an original recipient, to the
19 Washington scholars-alternate from the same legislative district.

20 Beginning with scholars selected in the year 2000, if the
21 recipients of grants fail to demonstrate in a timely manner that they
22 will enroll in a Washington institution of higher education in the fall
23 term of the academic year following the award of the grant or are
24 deemed by the higher education coordinating board to have withdrawn
25 from college during the first academic year following the award, then
26 the grant shall be considered relinquished. The higher education
27 coordinating board may then award any remaining grant amounts to the
28 Washington scholars-alternate from the same legislative district if the
29 grants are awarded within one calendar year of the recipient being
30 named a Washington scholars-alternate. Washington scholars-alternates
31 named as recipients of the grant must also demonstrate in a timely
32 manner that they will enroll in a Washington institution of higher
33 education during the next available term, as determined by the higher
34 education coordinating board. The board may accept appeals and grant
35 waivers to the enrollment requirements of this section based on
36 exceptional mitigating circumstances of individual grant recipients.

37 To maintain eligibility for the grants, recipients must maintain a
38 minimum grade point average at the college or university equivalent to

1 3.30. Students (~~shall be~~) selected before August 1, 2009, are
2 eligible to receive a maximum of twelve quarters or eight semesters of
3 grants for undergraduate study and may transfer among in-state public
4 and independent colleges and universities during that period and
5 continue to receive the grant as provided under RCW 28B.76.665.
6 Beginning August 1, 2009, students named as recipients are eligible to
7 receive a maximum of six quarters or four semesters of grants for
8 undergraduate study and may transfer among in-state public and
9 independent colleges and universities during that period and continue
10 to receive the grant as provided under RCW 28B.76.665. If the
11 student's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.30 during the
12 first three quarters or two semesters, that student may petition the
13 higher education coordinating board which shall have the authority to
14 establish a probationary period until such time as the student's grade
15 point average meets required standards.

16 (3) No grant shall be awarded to any student who is pursuing a
17 degree in theology.

18 (4) As used in this section, "independent college or university"
19 means a private, nonprofit educational institution, the main campus of
20 which is permanently situated in the state, open to residents of the
21 state, providing programs of education beyond the high school level
22 leading at least to the baccalaureate degree, and accredited by the
23 northwest association of schools and colleges as of June 9, 1988, and
24 other institutions as may be developed that are approved by the higher
25 education coordinating board as meeting equivalent standards as those
26 institutions accredited under this section.

27 (5) As used in this section, "public college or university" means
28 an institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

29 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.76.665 and 2004 c 275 s 25 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 Students receiving grants under RCW 28B.76.660 or waivers under RCW
32 28B.15.543 are entitled to transfer among in-state public and
33 independent colleges or universities and to continue to receive award
34 benefits, as provided in this section, in the form of a grant or waiver
35 of tuition and services and activities fees while enrolled at such
36 institutions during the period of eligibility. For students receiving
37 grants or waivers before August 1, 2009, the total grants or waivers

1 for any one student shall not exceed twelve quarters or eight semesters
2 of undergraduate study. Beginning August 1, 2009, the total grants or
3 waivers for any one student shall not exceed six quarters or four
4 semesters of undergraduate study.

5 (1) Scholars named to the award on or before June 30, 1994, may
6 transfer between in-state public institutions, or from an eligible
7 independent college or university to an in-state public institution of
8 higher education, and are entitled to receive the waiver of tuition and
9 services and activities fees.

10 (2) Scholars named to the award on or before June 30, 1994, may
11 transfer from an in-state public institution to an eligible independent
12 college or university, or between eligible independent colleges or
13 universities, and continue to receive a grant contingent upon available
14 funding.

15 (3) Scholars named to the award after June 30, 1994, may transfer
16 among in-state public or private colleges and universities and continue
17 to receive the grant contingent upon available funding.

18 (4) In addition, scholars who transfer to an eligible independent
19 institution may receive the grant contingent upon the agreement of the
20 school to match on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with
21 actual money or by a waiver of fees, the amount of the grant received
22 by the student from the state.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.04
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) The legislature intends to phase out the Washington award for
26 vocational excellence program over a period of two years from August 1,
27 2009. As of August 1, 2009, no new Washington award for vocational
28 excellence shall be made. Persons who have been selected by the
29 workforce education training and coordinating board as recipients of
30 the Washington award for vocational excellence before August 1, 2009,
31 shall receive the full amount of the award, subject to applicable rule
32 of the workforce education training and coordinating board. All
33 persons awarded a Washington award for vocational excellence before
34 August 1, 2009, must complete using the award before August 1, 2011.
35 For these recipients, eligibility for the award is forfeited after this
36 period.

1 (2) It is further the intent of the legislature to redirect
2 appropriations for the Washington award for vocational excellence to
3 the state need grant program as defined in chapter 28B.92 RCW.

4 (3) This section expires August 1, 2011.

5 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.15.0681 and 2007 c 151 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to the requirement in RCW 28B.76.300(4),
8 institutions of higher education shall disclose to their undergraduate
9 resident students on the tuition billing statement, in dollar figures
10 for a full-time equivalent student:

11 ~~((1))~~ (a) The full cost of instruction~~((2))~~;

12 (b) The amount collected from student tuition and fees~~((7))~~; and

13 ~~((3))~~ (c) The difference between the amounts for the full cost of
14 instruction and the student tuition and fees~~((7-noting))~~

15 (2) The tuition billing statement shall note that the difference
16 between the cost and tuition under subsection (1)(c) of this section
17 was paid by state tax funds and other moneys.

18 (3) Beginning in the 2010-11 academic year, the amount determined
19 in subsection (1)(c) of this section shall be labeled an "opportunity
20 grant" on the tuition billing statement.

21 (4) Beginning in the 2010-11 academic year, institutions of higher
22 education shall label all financial aid awarded to resident
23 undergraduate students as an "opportunity grant" on the tuition billing
24 statement or financial aid award notification. This includes aid from
25 all sources including federal, state, and local governments, local
26 communities, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and institutions
27 of higher education. The disclosure requirements specified in this
28 section do not change the source, award amount, student eligibility, or
29 student obligations associated with each award. Institutions of higher
30 education retain the ability to customize their tuition billing
31 statements to inform students of the assistance source, amount, and
32 type so long as provisions of this section are also fulfilled.

33 **Sec. 12.** RCW 28B.76.500 and 1985 c 370 s 23 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The board shall administer any state program or state-

1 administered federal program of student financial aid now or hereafter
2 established.

3 (2) Each of the student financial aid programs administered by the
4 board shall be labeled an "opportunity grant." All communication
5 materials, including, but not limited to, printed materials,
6 presentations, and web content, shall include the "opportunity grant"
7 label.

8 (3) If the board develops a one-stop college information web-based
9 portal that includes financial, academic, and career planning
10 information, the portal shall display all available student financial
11 aid programs under the "opportunity grant" label.

12 (4) The labeling requirements in this section do not change the
13 source, eligibility requirements, or student obligations associated
14 with each program. The board retains the ability to customize its
15 communications to differentiate between programs, eligibility
16 requirements, and student obligations, so long as the reporting
17 provisions of this chapter are also fulfilled.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 As used in this chapter, "dual credit program" means a program,
21 administered by either an institution of higher education or a high
22 school, through which high school students in the eleventh or twelfth
23 grade who have not yet received the credits required for the award of
24 a high school diploma apply to a participating institution of higher
25 education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the institution
26 of higher education and simultaneously earn high school and college
27 credit.

28 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28B.15.820 and 2007 c 404 s 4 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) Each institution of higher education, including technical
31 colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of
32 revenues collected from tuition and services and activities fees in an
33 institutional financial aid fund that is hereby created and which shall
34 be held locally. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for the
35 following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-term loans to eligible
36 students as provided in subsections (3) through (8) of this section;

1 (b) to make short-term loans as provided in subsection (9) of this
2 section; or (c) to provide financial aid to needy students as provided
3 in subsection (10) of this section.

4 (2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3)
5 through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at
6 least three credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for
7 resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and
8 28B.15.013, and who is a "needy student" as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

9 (3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this
10 section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the
11 student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions
12 which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan program
13 established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or hereafter
14 amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the Washington student
15 loan guaranty association or its successor agency. Institutions are
16 hereby granted full authority to operate as an eligible lender under
17 the guaranteed loan program.

18 (4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each institution
19 shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the loan based on
20 factors which include, but are not limited to, the student's
21 accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment
22 opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the
23 student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the
24 student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the
25 availability of other forms of financial aid.

26 (5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed
27 long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due
28 diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to
29 insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate
30 with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty
31 association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection of
32 guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the loans
33 is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term
34 loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved for
35 such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or
36 its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be permitted to
37 perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do so by the
38 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.

1 Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term loans made by
2 community colleges under subsection (1) of this section shall be
3 coordinated by the state board for community and technical colleges and
4 shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state board.

5 (6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other
6 subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are paid
7 by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3) through (8)
8 of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's financial aid
9 fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the guaranteed
10 long-term loans under this section and maintaining necessary records
11 and making collections under subsection (5) of this section: PROVIDED,
12 That such costs shall not exceed five percent of aggregate outstanding
13 loan principal. Institutions shall maintain accurate records of such
14 costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs, shall
15 be deposited in the institution's financial aid fund.

16 (7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
17 universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board for
18 community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community colleges
19 and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and
20 regulations to implement this section.

21 (8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under
22 this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally
23 have access to educational loans from private financial institutions in
24 Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary markets in
25 the support of loan consolidation.

26 (9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from the
27 institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the
28 institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known by
29 the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of any
30 outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if the
31 institution has ample evidence that the student has the capability of
32 repaying the loan within the time frame specified by the institution
33 for repayment.

34 (10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
35 that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used
36 by the institution for locally administered financial aid programs for
37 needy students, such as need-based institutional employment programs or
38 need-based tuition and fee scholarship or grant programs. These funds

1 shall be used in addition to and not to replace institutional funds
2 that would otherwise support these locally administered financial aid
3 programs. First priority in the use of these funds shall be given to
4 needy students who have accumulated excessive educational loan burdens.
5 An excessive educational loan burden is a burden that will be difficult
6 to repay given employment opportunities and average starting salaries
7 in the student's chosen fields of study. Second priority in the use of
8 these funds shall be given to needy single parents, to assist these
9 students with their educational expenses, including expenses associated
10 with child care and transportation.

11 (11) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
12 may be used by the institution for a locally administered financial aid
13 program for high school students enrolled in dual credit programs. If
14 institutions use funds in this manner, the governing boards of the
15 state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State
16 College, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall
17 each adopt necessary rules to implement this subsection. Moneys from
18 this fund may be used for all educational expenses related to a
19 student's participation in a dual credit program including but not
20 limited to tuition, fees, course materials, and transportation.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 Institutions of higher education are encouraged to review their
24 policies and procedures regarding financial aid for students enrolled
25 in dual credit programs as defined in section 13 of this act.
26 Institutions of higher education are further encouraged to implement
27 policies and procedures providing students enrolled in dual credit
28 programs with the same access to institutional aid, including all
29 educational expenses, as provided to resident undergraduate students.

30 **Sec. 16.** RCW 28B.12.030 and 2002 c 187 s 2 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have
33 the following meanings, unless the context shall clearly indicate
34 another or different meaning or intent:

35 (1) The term "needy student" shall mean a resident student, as
36 defined in RCW 28B.15.012, enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a

1 post-secondary institution who, according to a system of need analysis
2 approved by the higher education coordinating board, demonstrates a
3 financial inability, either parental, familial, or personal, to bear
4 the total cost of education for any semester or quarter.

5 (2) The term "eligible institution" shall mean any post-secondary
6 institution in this state accredited by the Northwest Association of
7 Schools and Colleges, or a branch of a member institution of an
8 accrediting association recognized by rule of the board for purposes of
9 this section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
10 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
11 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty
12 consecutive years within the state of Washington, or any public
13 technical college in the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.12
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 Nonresident students awarded state work-study funds before August
17 1, 2009, shall retain eligibility to receive new awards through August
18 1, 2014. For these recipients, eligibility for the state work-study
19 program is forfeited after this period.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.12
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) Within existing resources, the higher education coordinating
23 board shall establish the work-study opportunity fund for high-demand
24 occupations, a competitive grant program to encourage job placements in
25 high-demand fields. The board shall award grants to eligible
26 institutions of higher education that have developed a partnership with
27 a proximate organization willing to host work-study placements.
28 Partner organizations may be nonprofit organizations, for-profit firms,
29 or public agencies. Eligible institutions of higher education must
30 verify that all job placements will last for a minimum of one academic
31 quarter or one academic semester, depending on the system used by the
32 eligible institution of higher education.

33 (2) The board may adopt rules to identify high-demand fields for
34 purposes of this section. The legislature recognizes that the high-
35 demand fields identified by the board may differ in different regions
36 of the state.

1 (3) The board may award grants to eligible institutions of higher
2 education that cover both student wages and program administration.

3 (4) The board shall develop performance benchmarks regarding
4 program success including, but not limited to, the number of students
5 served, the amount of employer contributions, and the number of
6 participating high-demand employers.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** The following acts or parts of acts, as now
8 existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective August 1,
9 2011:

10 (1) RCW 28B.76.670 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
11 Grants--Definitions) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 8;

12 (2) RCW 28C.04.520 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
13 Intent) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 1 & 1984 c 267 s 1;

14 (3) RCW 28C.04.525 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
15 Establishment--Purposes) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 2, 1987 c 231 s 3, &
16 1984 c 267 s 2;

17 (4) RCW 28C.04.530 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
18 Board's duties) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 3, 1987 c 231 s 2, & 1984 c
19 267 s 3;

20 (5) RCW 28C.04.535 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
21 Granted annually--Notice--Presentation) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 4 &
22 1984 c 267 s 4;

23 (6) RCW 28C.04.540 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
24 Contributions) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 7 s 5 & 1984 c 267 s 5;

25 (7) RCW 28C.04.545 (Washington award for vocational excellence--Fee
26 waivers--Grants) and 2004 c 275 s 61, 1999 c 28 s 1, 1995 1st sp.s. c
27 7 s 6, 1987 c 231 s 4, & 1984 c 267 s 7;

28 (8) RCW 28C.04.550 (Washington award for vocational excellence--
29 When effective) and 1987 c 505 s 16 & 1984 c 267 s 8;

30 (9) RCW 28B.101.005 (Finding--Intent) and 2003 c 233 s 1 & 1990 c
31 288 s 2;

32 (10) RCW 28B.101.010 (Program created) and 2003 c 233 s 2 & 1990 c
33 288 s 3;

34 (11) RCW 28B.101.020 (Definition--Eligibility) and 2004 c 275 s 67,
35 2003 c 233 s 3, & 1990 c 288 s 4;

36 (12) RCW 28B.101.030 (Administration of program--Payments to
37 participants) and 1990 c 288 s 5; and

1 (13) RCW 28B.101.040 (Use of grants) and 2003 c 233 s 4 & 2002 c
2 186 s 3.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** This act takes effect August 1, 2009.

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