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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington investment in student
2 excellence scholarship program; amending RCW 67.70.240; and adding a
3 new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The higher education coordinating board
6 shall design the Washington investment in student excellence
7 scholarship program in accordance with this chapter. The board shall:

8 (a) Develop and implement a student application, selection, and
9 notification process for scholarships;

10 (b) Track scholarship recipients to ensure continued eligibility
11 and determine student compliance for awarding scholarships; and

12 (c) Distribute scholarship funds to institutions of higher
13 education on behalf of scholarship recipients identified by the board
14 as long as recipients remain eligible.

15 (2) The board shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.

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

1 (1) "Continuing student" means a student who has attempted more
2 than three semester hours, or the quarter equivalent, at a public or
3 private institution of higher education after graduating from a public
4 high school, approved private high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or
5 who received home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW.

6 (2) "Eligible student" means a full or part-time student seeking
7 his or her first associate, baccalaureate, or professional degree at a
8 public or private institution of higher education who:

9 (a) Is an entering student who graduated with at least a 3.0 grade
10 point average from a public high school or approved private high school
11 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, who received home-based instruction under
12 chapter 28A.200 RCW, or is a continuing student who maintains a
13 cumulative 3.0 grade point average at the public or private institution
14 of higher education. A student who received home-based instruction
15 must equal or exceed a cumulative scholastic assessment test I score of
16 twelve hundred on his or her first attempt or must equal or exceed a
17 composite American college test score of twenty-seven on his or her
18 first attempt;

19 (b) Is a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2);

20 (c) Has no felony convictions or adjudications; and

21 (d) Continues to make satisfactory academic progress at the public
22 or private institution of higher education.

23 (3) "Entering student" means a student who has never attended a
24 public or private institution of higher education.

25 (4) "Grade point average" means the numbered grade average
26 calculated using a 4.0 point scale.

27 (5) "Public or private institution of higher education" means an
28 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and any
29 other university, college, school, or institute in the state of
30 Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level that is a
31 member of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the higher
32 education coordinating board.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The higher education coordinating board,
34 the workforce training and education coordinating board, and the
35 economic development commission shall identify high employer demand
36 programs of study. Within available funds, eligible students enrolling
37 in high employer demand programs of study may be eligible to receive a

1 scholarship of up to five thousand dollars per year for full-time
2 attendance at a public or private institution of higher education.
3 Part-time students shall receive a prorated scholarship amount.

4 (2)(a) Within available funds, an eligible student shall receive a
5 scholarship of up to two thousand five hundred dollars per year for
6 full-time attendance at a public or private institution of higher
7 education. Part-time students shall receive a prorated scholarship
8 amount.

9 (b) A student who was an eligible student, but who did not maintain
10 a 3.0 grade point average at the public or private institution of
11 higher education, may requalify for a Washington investment in student
12 excellence scholarship if the student regains a 3.0 cumulative grade
13 point average.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The Washington investment in student
15 excellence scholarship account is created in the custody of the state
16 treasurer. All receipts received from the state lottery account for
17 the Washington investment in student excellence scholarship program
18 must be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the account may be
19 used only for the Washington investment in student excellence
20 scholarship program. Only the director of the higher education
21 coordinating board or the director's designee may authorize
22 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to the allotment
23 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
24 required for expenditures.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 67.70.240 and 2001 c 3 s 4 are each amended to read as
26 follows:

27 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only:

28 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery
29 tickets or shares;

30 (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account
31 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account
32 created by RCW 67.70.260;

33 (3) For purposes of making deposits into the education construction
34 fund and student achievement fund created in RCW 43.135.045 and the
35 Washington investment in student excellence scholarship account created
36 in section 4 of this act. (~~For the transition period from July 1,~~

1 ~~2001, until and including June 30, 2002, fifty percent of the moneys~~
2 ~~not otherwise obligated under this section shall be placed in the~~
3 ~~student achievement fund and fifty percent of these moneys shall be~~
4 ~~placed in the education construction fund. On and after July 1, 2002,~~
5 ~~until June 30, 2004, seventy five percent of these moneys shall be~~
6 ~~placed in the student achievement fund and twenty five percent shall be~~
7 ~~placed in the education construction fund. On and after July 1, 2004,~~
8 ~~all deposits not otherwise obligated under this section shall be placed~~
9 ~~in the education construction fund.)) On and after July 1, 2009, the~~
10 ~~moneys shall be placed in the Washington college bound scholarship~~
11 ~~account in an amount to fully fund Washington college bound~~
12 ~~scholarships and the remainder shall be placed in the Washington~~
13 ~~investment in student excellence scholarship account. Moneys in the~~
14 ~~state lottery account deposited in the ((~~education construction fund~~~~
15 ~~and the student achievement fund)) Washington college bound scholarship~~
16 ~~account and the Washington investment in student excellence scholarship~~
17 ~~account are included in "general state revenues" under RCW 39.42.070;~~

18 (4) For distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the
19 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to
20 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including
21 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs. Three million dollars
22 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.
23 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior
24 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under
25 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction
26 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years
27 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

28 (5) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account,
29 created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW
30 43.99N.070, six million dollars shall be distributed under this
31 subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years,
32 such distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions increased
33 by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection
34 after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the
35 bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this
36 subsection shall cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than
37 December 31, 2020;

1 (6) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-
2 related services; and

3 (7) For the payment of agent compensation.

4 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
5 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
6 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
7 in the allotments.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
9 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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