

HB 2021-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires institutions of higher education and the higher education coordinating board to label all forms of student financial assistance as an opportunity pathway.

Phases out the educational opportunity grant over a two-year period.

Creates a new grant, subject to appropriations, within the state need grant program, that provides grants for placebound students who have earned an associate degree.

Restricts eligibility for the state work study program.

Creates a competitive grant process within the state work study program to encourage more placements in high-demand fields.

Creates the Washington higher education loan program to assist students in need of additional low-cost student loans and related loan benefits.

Allows institutions of higher education to use institutional aid money for students enrolled in dual credit programs.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SHB 2021

April 25, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 11, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2021 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to revitalizing student financial aid."

Section 11 duplicates changes to the State Work-Study Program made in Substitute Senate Bill 5044 which I signed on April 22, 2009. I agree with the policy, but as the other bill amends the same statute in the same way, there is no need for this section.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 11 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2021.

With the exception of Section 11, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill number 2021 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor