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1 AN ACT Relating to state need grant eligibility; and amending RCW
2 28B.92.080 and 28B.92.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.92.080 and 2009 c 238 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Except for opportunity internship graduates whose eligibility is
7 provided under RCW 28B.92.084, for a student to be eligible for a state
8 need grant a student must:

9 (1) Be a "needy student" or "disadvantaged student" as determined
10 by the board in accordance with RCW 28B.92.030 ~~((+3+))~~ (2) and ~~((+4+))~~
11 (5);

12 (2) Have been domiciled within the state of Washington for at least
13 one year;

14 (3) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment ~~((on at least a half-~~
15 ~~time basis))~~ for at least three quarter credits or the equivalent
16 semester credits at an institution of higher education in Washington as
17 defined in RCW 28B.92.030~~((+1+))~~ (4); and

18 (4) ~~((Until June 30, 2011, to the extent funds are specifically~~
19 ~~appropriated for this purpose, and subject to any terms and conditions~~

1 ~~specified in the omnibus appropriations act, be enrolled or accepted~~
2 ~~for enrollment for at least three quarter credits or the equivalent~~
3 ~~semester credits at an institution of higher education in Washington as~~
4 ~~defined in RCW 28B.92.030(1); and~~

5 (5)) Have complied with all the rules adopted by the board for the
6 administration of this chapter.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.92.060 and 2009 c 215 s 4 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

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

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

17 (a) Financial need as determined by the amount of the family
18 contribution; and

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

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

28 (3) A student shall be eligible to receive a state need grant for
29 up to five years, or the credit or clock hour equivalent of five years,
30 or up to one hundred twenty-five percent of the published length of
31 time of the student's program. A student may not start a new associate
32 degree program as a state need grant recipient until at least five
33 years have elapsed since earning an associate degree as a need grant
34 recipient, except that a student may earn two associate degrees
35 concurrently. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining
36 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible program
37 as determined by the board. Should the recipient terminate his or her

1 enrollment for any reason during the academic year, the unused portion
2 of the grant shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by
3 the institution according to the institution's own policy for issuing
4 refunds, except as provided in RCW 28B.92.070.

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

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

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

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

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

25 (ii) The student completes the required free application for
26 federal student aid;

27 (iii) The institution has reviewed the student's financial
28 condition, and the financial condition of the student's family if the
29 student is a dependent student, and has determined that the student is
30 likely eligible for a state need grant; and

31 (iv) The student has signed a document attesting to the fact that
32 the financial information provided on the free application for federal
33 student aid and any additional financial information provided directly
34 to the institution is accurate and complete, and that the student
35 agrees to repay the institution for the grant amount if the student
36 submitted false or incomplete information.

37 (6) As used in this section, "former foster youth" means a person

1 who is at least eighteen years of age, but not more than twenty-four
2 years of age, who was a dependent of the department of social and
3 health services at the time he or she attained the age of eighteen.

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