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1 AN ACT Relating to membership on the opportunity scholarship board;  
2 and amending RCW 28B.145.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.145.020 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 13 s 3 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The opportunity scholarship board is created. The opportunity  
7 scholarship board consists of (~~seven~~) nine members:

8 (a) Three members appointed by the governor. For two of the three  
9 appointments, the governor shall consider names from a list provided by  
10 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives; and

12 (b) (~~Four~~) Six foundation or business and industry  
13 representatives appointed by the governor from among the state's most  
14 productive industries such as aerospace, manufacturing, health  
15 sciences, information technology, and others. The foundation or  
16 business and industry representatives shall be selected from among  
17 nominations provided by the private sector donors to the opportunity  
18 scholarship and opportunity expansion programs. However, the governor

1 may request, and the private sector donors shall provide, an additional  
2 list or lists from which the governor shall select these  
3 representatives.

4 (2) Board members shall hold their offices for a term of four years  
5 from the first day of September and until their successors are  
6 appointed. No more than the terms of two members may expire  
7 simultaneously on the last day of August in any one year.

8 (3) The members of the opportunity scholarship board shall elect  
9 one of the business and industry representatives to serve as chair.

10 (4) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the  
11 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment  
12 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor or the  
13 president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives,  
14 depending upon which made the initial appointment to that position,  
15 shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the board  
16 member whose office has become vacant or expired.

17 (5) The opportunity scholarship board shall be staffed by the  
18 program administrator.

19 (6) The purpose of the opportunity scholarship board is to provide  
20 oversight and guidance for the opportunity expansion and the  
21 opportunity scholarship programs in light of established legislative  
22 priorities and to fulfill the duties and responsibilities under this  
23 chapter, including but not limited to determining eligible education  
24 programs for purposes of the opportunity scholarship program. Duties,  
25 exercised jointly with the program administrator, include soliciting  
26 funds and setting annual fund-raising goals.

27 (7) The opportunity scholarship board may report to the governor  
28 and the appropriate committees of the legislature with recommendations  
29 as to:

30 (a) Whether some or all of the scholarships should be changed to  
31 conditional scholarships that must be repaid in the event the  
32 participant does not complete the eligible education program; and

33 (b) A source or sources of funds for the opportunity expansion  
34 program in addition to the voluntary contributions of the high  
35 technology research and development tax credit under RCW 82.32.800.

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