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1 AN ACT Relating to extending eligibility on a nonprioritized basis
2 for the state need grant to individuals granted deferred action for
3 childhood arrival status; amending RCW 28B.92.010; and creating a new
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many American
7 youth arrive in this country and this state through the decision of
8 their parents to relocate in search of opportunities to improve their
9 lives and futures.

10 On June 15, 2012, President Obama introduced the deferred action
11 for childhood arrivals process. Building on this directive, this act
12 is intended to provide a more affordable and attainable route to
13 college for children granted deferred action for childhood arrival
14 status who reside in Washington state. While extending in-state
15 tuition to these youth has helped them better afford higher education
16 in this state, financial aid is necessary to extend to them the full
17 American dream. The extension of financial aid to these aspiring young
18 Americans is also necessary to position everyone for economic success

1 and strengthen Washington state's competitive edge in the world
2 economy.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.92.010 and 2004 c 275 s 34 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The purposes of this chapter are to establish the principles upon
6 which the state financial aid programs will be based and to establish
7 the state of Washington state need grant program, thus assisting
8 financially needy or disadvantaged students domiciled in Washington to
9 obtain the opportunity of attending an accredited institution of higher
10 education. State need grants under this chapter are available only to
11 students who are resident students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a)
12 through (d) or any person who has completed the full senior year of
13 high school and obtained a high school diploma, either at a Washington
14 public high school or private high school approved under chapter
15 28A.195 RCW, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma;
16 who has lived in Washington state for at least three years immediately
17 before receiving the diploma or its equivalent; who has continuously
18 lived in the state of Washington after receiving the diploma or its
19 equivalent and until such time as the individual is admitted to an
20 eligible institution of higher education and has been granted deferred
21 action for childhood arrival status pursuant to the rules and
22 regulations adopted by the United States citizenship and immigration
23 services.

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