

**SHB 1570 - H AMD 570**

By Representative Gregory

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.660.045 and 2015 1st sp.s. c 3 s 3 are each  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The educator retooling conditional scholarship program is  
6 created. Participation is limited to current K-12 teachers and  
7 individuals having an elementary education certificate but who are  
8 not employed in positions requiring an elementary education  
9 certificate. It is anticipated that candidates enrolled in this  
10 program will complete the requirements for an endorsement in two  
11 years or less.

12 (2) Entry requirements for candidates include:

13 (a) Current K-12 teachers shall pursue an endorsement in a  
14 subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the  
15 professional educator standards board, including but not limited to,  
16 mathematics, science, special education, bilingual education, English  
17 language learner, computer science education, or environmental and  
18 sustainability education.

19 (b) Individuals having an elementary education certificate but  
20 who are not employed in positions requiring an elementary education  
21 certificate shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or geographic  
22 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator  
23 standards board, including but not limited to, mathematics, science,  
24 special education, bilingual education, English language learner,  
25 computer science education, or environmental and sustainability  
26 education.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.660.050 and 2015 1st sp.s. c 3 s 4 are each  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for these  
30 purposes, the conditional scholarship programs in this chapter are  
31 created under the following guidelines:

1 (1) The programs shall be administered by the student achievement  
2 council. In administering the programs, the council has the following  
3 powers and duties:

4 (a) To adopt necessary rules and develop guidelines to administer  
5 the programs;

6 (b) To collect and manage repayments from participants who do not  
7 meet their service obligations; and

8 (c) To accept grants and donations from public and private  
9 sources for the programs.

10 (2) Requirements for participation in the conditional scholarship  
11 programs are as provided in this subsection (2).

12 (a) The alternative route conditional scholarship program is  
13 limited to interns of professional educator standards board-approved  
14 alternative routes to teaching programs under RCW 28A.660.040. For  
15 fiscal year 2011, priority must be given to fiscal year 2010  
16 participants in the alternative route partnership program. In order  
17 to receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:

18 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment in alternative  
19 certification routes through a professional educator standards board-  
20 approved program;

21 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of  
22 the alternative route certification program and receipt of a  
23 residency teaching certificate; and

24 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,  
25 not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees,  
26 and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and  
27 transportation for the alternative route certification program in  
28 which the recipient is enrolled. The council may adjust the annual  
29 award by the average rate of resident undergraduate tuition and fee  
30 increases at the state universities as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

31 (b) The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship  
32 program is limited to qualified paraeducators as provided by RCW  
33 28A.660.042. In order to receive conditional scholarship awards,  
34 recipients shall:

35 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment at a community and  
36 technical college for no more than two years and attain an associate  
37 of arts degree;

38 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of  
39 an associate of arts degree. This progress requirement is a condition  
40 for eligibility into a route one program of the alternative routes to

1 teacher certification program for a mathematics, special education,  
2 or English as a second language endorsement; and

3 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,  
4 not to exceed four thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees,  
5 and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and  
6 transportation for the alternative route certification program in  
7 which the recipient is enrolled. The student achievement council may  
8 adjust the annual award by the average rate of tuition and fee  
9 increases at the state community and technical colleges.

10 (c) The educator retooling conditional scholarship program is  
11 limited to current K-12 teachers. In order to receive conditional  
12 scholarship awards:

13 (i) Individuals currently employed as teachers shall pursue an  
14 endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as  
15 defined by the professional educator standards board, including but  
16 not limited to, mathematics, science, special education, bilingual  
17 education, English language learner, computer science education, or  
18 environmental and sustainability education; or

19 (ii) Individuals who are certificated with an elementary  
20 education endorsement shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or  
21 geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional  
22 educator standards board, including but not limited to, mathematics,  
23 science, special education, bilingual education, English language  
24 learner, computer science education, or environmental and  
25 sustainability education; and

26 (iii) Individuals shall use one of the pathways to endorsement  
27 processes to receive an endorsement in a subject or geographic  
28 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator  
29 standards board, including but not limited to, mathematics, science,  
30 special education, bilingual education, English language learner,  
31 computer science education, or environmental and sustainability  
32 education, which shall include passing an endorsement test plus  
33 observation and completing applicable coursework to attain the proper  
34 endorsement; and

35 (iv) Individuals shall receive no more than the annual amount of  
36 the scholarship, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for the cost  
37 of tuition, test fees, and educational expenses, including books,  
38 supplies, and transportation for the endorsement pathway being  
39 pursued.

1 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
2 select individuals to receive conditional scholarships. In selecting  
3 recipients, preference shall be given to eligible veterans or  
4 national guard members. In awarding conditional scholarships to  
5 support additional bilingual education or English language learner  
6 endorsements, the board shall also give preference to teachers  
7 assigned to schools required under state or federal accountability  
8 measures to implement a plan for improvement, and to teachers  
9 assigned to schools whose enrollment of English language learner  
10 students has increased an average of more than five percent per year  
11 over the previous three years.

12 (4) For the purpose of this chapter, a conditional scholarship is  
13 a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part in exchange for service  
14 as a certificated teacher employed in a Washington state K-12 public  
15 school. The state shall forgive one year of loan obligation for every  
16 two years a recipient teaches in a public school. Recipients who fail  
17 to continue a course of study leading to residency teacher  
18 certification or cease to teach in a public school in the state of  
19 Washington in their endorsement area are required to repay the  
20 remaining loan principal with interest.

21 (5) Recipients who fail to fulfill the required teaching  
22 obligation are required to repay the remaining loan principal with  
23 interest and any other applicable fees. The student achievement  
24 council shall adopt rules to define the terms for repayment,  
25 including applicable interest rates, fees, and deferments.

26 (6) The student achievement council may deposit all  
27 appropriations, collections, and any other funds received for the  
28 program in this chapter in the future teachers conditional  
29 scholarship account authorized in RCW 28B.102.080."

30 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Updated to reflect 2015 session laws that expand the types of endorsements that teachers and certain certificated elementary educators may pursue to qualify for the Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship Program to any endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB).

Retains language specifying that teachers and certain certificated elementary educators pursuing math, science, special education, bilingual education, English language learner (ELL), computer science education, or environmental and sustainability education qualify for the scholarship program.

Retains language requiring the PESB to give preference to applicants who are teachers seeking additional bilingual education or ELL endorsements and are assigned to schools required to implement a plan for improvement or whose enrollment of ELL students has increased an average of more than 5% per year over the previous 3 years.

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