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1 On page 6, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 9. RCW 28A.660.050 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 9 s 2 are each  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for these  
5 purposes, the conditional scholarship programs in this chapter are  
6 created under the following guidelines:

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

10 (a) To adopt necessary rules and develop guidelines to administer  
11 the programs;

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

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

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

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

24 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment in alternative  
25 certification routes through a professional educator standards board-  
26 approved program;

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1 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of  
2 the alternative route certification program and receipt of a residency  
3 teaching certificate; and

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

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

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

17 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of  
18 an associate of arts degree. This progress requirement is a condition  
19 for eligibility into a route one program of the alternative routes to  
20 teacher certification program for a mathematics, special education, or  
21 English as a second language endorsement; and

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

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

32 (i) Individuals currently employed as teachers shall pursue an  
33 endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as  
34 defined by the professional educator standards board, including but

1 not limited to((τ)) mathematics, science, special education,  
2 elementary education, early childhood education, bilingual education,  
3 English language learner, computer science education, or environmental  
4 and sustainability education; or

5 (ii) Individuals who are certificated with an elementary education  
6 endorsement shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or geographic  
7 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator  
8 standards board, including but not limited to((τ)) mathematics,  
9 science, special education, bilingual education, English language  
10 learner, computer science education, or environmental and  
11 sustainability education; and

12 (iii) Individuals shall use one of the pathways to endorsement  
13 processes to receive an endorsement in a subject or geographic  
14 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator  
15 standards board, including but not limited to((τ)) mathematics,  
16 science, special education, bilingual education, English language  
17 learner, computer science education, or environmental and  
18 sustainability education, which shall include passing an endorsement  
19 test plus observation and completing applicable coursework to attain  
20 the proper endorsement; and

21 (iv) Individuals shall receive no more than the annual amount of  
22 the scholarship, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for the cost of  
23 tuition, test fees, and educational expenses, including books,  
24 supplies, and transportation for the endorsement pathway being  
25 pursued.

26 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
27 select individuals to receive conditional scholarships. In selecting  
28 recipients, preference shall be given to eligible veterans or national  
29 guard members. In awarding conditional scholarships to support  
30 additional bilingual education or English language learner  
31 endorsements, the board shall also give preference to teachers  
32 assigned to schools required under state or federal accountability  
33 measures to implement a plan for improvement, and to teachers assigned  
34 to schools whose enrollment of English language learner students has

1 increased an average of more than five percent per year over the  
2 previous three years.

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

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

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

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22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
23 internal references accordingly.

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25 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Expands the Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship to  
teachers pursuing endorsements in elementary education or early  
childhood education.

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