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     By Representative Young

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1   On page 2, line 32, after "purposes." insert the following:
2   "**Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.118.010 and 2012 c 229 s 402 are each amended to
3 read as follows:
4   The office of student financial assistance shall design the
5 Washington college bound scholarship program in accordance with this
6 section and in alignment with the state need grant program in
7 chapter 28B.92 RCW unless otherwise provided in this section.
8   (1) "Eligible students" are those students who:
9   (a) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. If a student
10 qualifies in the seventh grade, the student remains eligible even if
11 the student does not receive free or reduced-price lunches
12 thereafter; or
13   (b) Are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and:
14   (i) In grade seven through twelve; or
15   (ii) Are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one and have
16 not graduated from high school.
17   (2) Eligible students shall be notified of their eligibility for
18 the Washington college bound scholarship program beginning in their
19 seventh grade year. Students shall also be notified of the
20 requirements for award of the scholarship.
21   (3)(a) To be eligible for a Washington college bound
22 scholarship, a student eligible under subsection (1)(a) of this
23 section must sign a pledge during seventh or eighth grade that
24 includes a commitment to graduate from high school with at least a C
25 average and with no felony convictions. The pledge must be witnessed
26 by a parent or guardian and forwarded to the office of student
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1 financial assistance by mail or electronically, as indicated on the
2 pledge form.
3   (b) A student eligible under subsection (1)(b) of this section
4 shall be automatically enrolled, with no action necessary by the
5 student or the student's family, and the enrollment form must be
6 forwarded by the department of social and health services to the
7 *higher education coordinating board or its successor by mail or
8 electronically, as indicated on the form.
9   (4)(a) Scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students
10 graduating from public high schools, approved private high schools
11 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or who received home-based instruction
12 under chapter 28A.200 RCW.
13   (b)(i) To receive the Washington college bound scholarship, a
14 student must graduate with at least a "C" average from a public high
15 school or an approved private high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW
16 in Washington or have received home-based instruction under chapter
17 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony convictions, and must be a resident
18 student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (d).
19   (ii) For a student who does not meet the "C" average
20 requirement, and who completes fewer than two quarters in the
21 running start program, under RCW 28A.600, the student's first
22 quarter of running start course grades must be excluded from the
23 student's overall grade point average for purposes of determining
24 their eligibility to receive the scholarship.
25   (5) A student's family income will be assessed upon graduation
26 before awarding the scholarship.
27   (6) If at graduation from high school the student's family
28 income does not exceed sixty-five percent of the state median family
29 income, scholarship award amounts shall be as provided in this
30 section.
31   (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of
32 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the value of the
33 award shall be (i) the difference between the student's tuition and
34 required fees, less the value of any state-funded grant,

1 scholarship, or waiver assistance the student receives; (ii) plus

2 five hundred dollars for books and materials.

3   (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of

4 higher education in Washington, the award amount shall be the

5 representative average of awards granted to students in public

6 research universities in Washington.

7   (c) For students attending private vocational schools in

8 Washington, the award amount shall be the representative average of

9 awards granted to students in public community and technical

10 colleges in Washington.

11   (7) Recipients may receive no more than four full-time years'

12 worth of scholarship awards.

13   (8) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all

14 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would

15 otherwise qualify. The Washington college bound scholarship is

16 intended to replace unmet need, loans, and, at the student's option,

17 work-study award before any other grants or scholarships are

18 reduced.

19   (9) The first scholarships shall be awarded to students

20 graduating in 2012.

21   (10) The state of Washington retains legal ownership of tuition

22 units awarded as scholarships under this chapter until the tuition

23 units are redeemed. These tuition units shall remain separately held

24 from any tuition units owned under chapter 28B.95 RCW by a

25 Washington college bound scholarship recipient.

26   (11) The scholarship award must be used within five years of

27 receipt. Any unused scholarship tuition units revert to the

28 Washington college bound scholarship account.

29   (12) Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for

30 any reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the

31 scholarship tuition units shall revert to the Washington college

32 bound scholarship account."

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1   Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
2 internal references accordingly.
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    EFFECT: Provides that the first quarter Running Start course
grades of student, who does not meet the "C" average requirement for
the College Bound Scholarship Program and who completed fewer than
two quarters in the Running Start Program, must be excluded from the
student's overall grade point average for purposes of determining
their eligibility to receive the scholarship.

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