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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating certain postsecondary
2 institutions' eligibility for state financial aid programs; and
3 amending RCW 28B.92.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2013 c 248 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 As used in this chapter:

8 (1) "Council" means the student achievement council.

9 (2) "Disadvantaged student" means a posthigh school student who
10 by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,
11 experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify
12 for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution of higher
13 education, who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is
14 attending an institution of higher education under an established
15 program designed to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time
16 student.

17 (3) "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to needy students
18 enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at institutions of
19 higher education.

20 (4)(a) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

1 ~~((a))~~ (i) Any public university, college, community college, or
2 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any
3 political subdivision thereof; or

4 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, any
5 other university, college, school, or institute in the state of
6 Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level that is
7 a member institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule
8 of the council for the purposes of this section and that agrees to
9 and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.92.150.
10 However, any institution, branch, extension or facility operating
11 within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an institution
12 operating in another state must be:

13 ~~((i))~~ (A) A separately accredited member institution of any
14 such accrediting association;

15 ~~((ii))~~ (B) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting
16 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this
17 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
18 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
19 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty
20 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual
21 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;
22 or

23 ~~((iii))~~ (C) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of
24 Washington as provided in RCW 28B.77.240.

25 (b) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" does not
26 include any university, college, school, or institute owned or
27 operated by a corporation for profit, or any university, college,
28 school, or institute owned, operated, purchased, or acquired by a
29 not-for-profit corporation if the university, college, school, or
30 institute previously operated in the state of Washington under the
31 ownership of a corporation for profit.

32 (5) "Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an
33 institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the
34 financial inability, either through the student's parents, family
35 and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and
36 tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy
37 student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by
38 RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as
39 defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high school graduation.

40 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

1 (7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to
2 complete a college program because of family or employment
3 commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar
4 factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced
5 student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an
6 eligible institution.

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