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By Committee on Ways & Means

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.103.010 and 2006 c 71 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
6 this section apply throughout this section and RCW 28B.103.020 and
7 28B.103.030.

8 (1) "Eligible student" means (~~(an enlisted)~~) a member (~~(or an~~
9 ~~officer)~~) of (~~(the rank of captain or below in)~~) the Washington
10 national guard who attends an institution of higher education that is
11 located in this state and accredited by the Northwest Association of
12 Schools and Colleges, or (~~(beginning September 1, 2006,)~~) an
13 institution that is located in this state that provides approved
14 training under the Montgomery GI Bill, and who meets any additional
15 selection criteria adopted by the office and all of the following
16 participation requirements:

17 (a) Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any
18 postsecondary institution;

19 (b) Is an active drilling member in good standing in the
20 Washington national guard as specified in rules adopted by the office
21 for implementation of the Washington national guard postsecondary
22 education grant;

23 (c) Has completed and submitted an application for student aid
24 approved by the office;

25 (d) Is a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and has
26 had a domicile in the state of Washington for the period of one year
27 immediately prior to the time of commencement of the first day of the
28 semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any
29 institution and been selected to receive the Washington national
30 guard postsecondary education grant; and

31 (e) Agrees to fulfill his or her service obligation.

1 (2) (~~"Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in~~
2 ~~whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a member of the~~
3 ~~Washington national guard under rules adopted by the office.~~

4 ~~(3))~~ "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means either to
5 render service in the Washington national guard in lieu of monetary
6 repayment, or to be relieved of the service obligation under rules
7 adopted by the office.

8 (3) "Grant" means the Washington national guard postsecondary
9 education grant as established in RCW 28B.103.020.

10 (4) "Office" means the office of (~~the adjutant general of the~~
11 ~~state military department~~) student financial assistance created in
12 RCW 28B.76.090.

13 (5) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a
14 (~~conditional scholarship~~) Washington national guard postsecondary
15 education grant under this chapter.

16 (6) "Service obligation" means serving in the Washington national
17 guard for a time period of at least one (~~additional~~) year of
18 service in the Washington national guard for each year (~~of~~
19 ~~conditional scholarship received under this program~~) the student
20 receives a Washington national guard postsecondary education grant.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.103.020 and 2006 c 71 s 2 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Subject to amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the
24 Washington ((state)) national guard ((conditional scholarship))
25 postsecondary education grant program is established. The program
26 shall be administered by the office. In administering the program,
27 the powers and duties of the office shall include, but need not be
28 limited to:

29 (1) With the assistance of the Washington military department,
30 the selection of eligible students to receive ((conditional
31 scholarships)) the Washington national guard postsecondary education
32 grant as follows:

33 (a) An eligible student may receive a grant under this section to
34 help pay for postsecondary education program costs as approved by the
35 office. Awards shall be valued as follows:

36 (i) The difference between the student's tuition and required
37 fees, less the value of any federal and state funded grant,
38 scholarship, or waiver assistance the students receives; and

39 (ii) Five hundred dollars for books and materials.

1 (b) The Washington military department shall ensure that data
2 needed to identify eligible recipients are promptly transmitted to
3 the office.

4 (c) The annual amount of each Washington national guard
5 postsecondary education grant may vary, but may not exceed the annual
6 cost of undergraduate tuition fees and services and activities fees
7 at the University of Washington, plus an allowance for books and
8 supplies.

9 (d) Washington national guard postsecondary grant eligibility may
10 not extend beyond five years or one hundred twenty-five percent of
11 the published length of the program in which the student is enrolled
12 or the credit or clock-hour equivalent;

13 ~~(2) The award of ((conditional scholarships)) grants funded by~~
14 ~~federal and state funds, private donations, or repayments from any~~
15 ~~participant who does not complete the participant's service~~
16 ~~obligation((. Use of state funds is subject to available funds. The~~
17 ~~annual amount of each conditional scholarship may vary, but shall not~~
18 ~~exceed the annual cost of undergraduate tuition fees and services and~~
19 ~~activities fees at the University of Washington, plus an allowance~~
20 ~~for books and supplies));~~

21 (3) The adoption of necessary rules and ((guidelines)) policies,
22 including establishing a priority for eligible students attending an
23 institution of higher education located in this state that is
24 accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges;

25 (4) The adoption of participant selection criteria. The criteria
26 may include but need not be limited to requirements for: Satisfactory
27 academic progress, ~~((minimum grade point averages,))~~ enrollment in
28 courses or programs that lead to a baccalaureate degree or an
29 associate degree or a certificate, and satisfactory participation as
30 a member of the Washington national guard;

31 (5) With the assistance of the Washington military department,
32 the notification of participants of their additional service
33 obligation or required repayment of the ((conditional scholarship))
34 Washington national guard postsecondary education grant; and

35 (6) The collection of repayments from participants who do not
36 meet the ~~((eligibility criteria or))~~ service obligations.

37 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.103.030 and 2012 c 229 s 607 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (1) Participants in the (~~conditional scholarship~~) Washington
2 national guard postsecondary education grant program incur an
3 obligation to repay the (~~conditional scholarship~~) grant, with
4 interest, unless they serve in the Washington national guard for one
5 (~~additional~~) year for each year (~~of conditional scholarship~~) they
6 received the grant, under rules adopted by the office.

7 (2) (~~The entire principal and interest of each yearly~~) The
8 office shall adopt rules addressing the terms for repayment (~~shall~~
9 ~~be forgiven for each additional year in which~~), including applicable
10 interest rates, fees, and deferments, by a participant (~~serves in~~)
11 who does not render service as a member of the Washington national
12 guard(~~, under rules adopted by the office~~) necessary to satisfy his
13 or her service obligation.

14 (3) (~~If a participant elects to repay the conditional~~
15 ~~scholarship, the period of repayment shall be four years, with~~
16 ~~payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date that~~
17 ~~the participant leaves the Washington national guard or withdraws~~
18 ~~from the institution of higher education, whichever comes first. The~~
19 ~~interest rate on the repayments shall be eight percent per year.~~
20 ~~Provisions for deferral and forgiveness shall be determined by the~~
21 ~~office.~~

22 ~~(4))~~ The office is responsible for collection of repayments made
23 under this section. The office shall exercise due diligence in such
24 collection, maintaining all necessary records to ensure that maximum
25 repayments are made. Collection and servicing of repayments under
26 this section shall be pursued using the full extent of law, including
27 wage garnishment if necessary. The office is responsible to forgive
28 all or parts of such repayments under the criteria established in
29 this section, and shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven
30 payments. (~~The office may contract with the office of student~~
31 ~~financial assistance for collection of repayments under this section.~~

32 ~~(5))~~ (4) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest paid
33 by or on behalf of participants shall be deposited with the office
34 and shall be used to cover the costs of (~~granting~~) administration
35 of the (~~conditional scholarships~~) grant, maintaining necessary
36 records, and making collections under subsection (~~(4)~~) (3) of this
37 section. The office shall maintain accurate records of these costs,
38 and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs shall be
39 used to make grant (~~conditional scholarships~~) awards to eligible
40 students."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28B.103.010,
3 28B.103.020, and 28B.103.030."

EFFECT: Adds the requirement that a Washington National Guard Member have maintained a domicile in Washington for at least one year prior to the start of the educational term in which the student receives the Washington national guard postsecondary education grant.

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