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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the crime victims and families
2 scholarship; amending RCW 43.88C.010; and adding a new chapter to
3 Title 28B RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
7 otherwise.

8 (1) "Eligible student" means a student who:

9 (a) Is a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012;

10 (b) Was the victim of, or is the immediate family member of the
11 victim of, a violent offense that occurred in Washington;

12 (c) Is enrolled in, or was accepted for enrollment in, a
13 postsecondary education program for at least three quarter credits or
14 the equivalent semester credits; and

15 (d) Files an annual application for financial aid as approved by
16 the office.

17 (2) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

18 (3) "Postsecondary education program" means a registered
19 apprenticeship program or a certificate, undergraduate, graduate, or
20 professional program at an institution of higher education as defined
21 in RCW 28B.92.030.

1 (4) "Program" means the crime victims and families scholarship
2 program.

3 (5) "Violent offense" has the same meaning as RCW 9.94A.030.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The crime victims and families
5 scholarship program is established. The purpose of the program is to
6 help victims of violent crimes attend postsecondary education
7 programs in Washington. The crime victims and families scholarship
8 program shall be administered by the office.

9 (2) The office shall have the following powers and duties in
10 administrating the program:

11 (a) Adopt necessary rules and guidelines;

12 (b) Create a scholarship application form and verification
13 process for determining whether an applicant meets the eligibility
14 criteria;

15 (c) Accept scholarship applications beginning with the 2022-23
16 academic year and verify student eligibility;

17 (d) Award scholarships to all eligible students and distribute
18 scholarship funds to eligible students' postsecondary education
19 programs; and

20 (e) Publicize the program.

21 (3) The legislature shall appropriate funding for the crime
22 victims and families scholarship program. Allocations must be made on
23 the basis of estimated eligible participants enrolled in institutions
24 of higher education or apprenticeship programs. All eligible students
25 are entitled to a scholarship beginning in the 2022-23 academic year.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) To receive a scholarship, an eligible
27 student shall apply to the office. An eligible student that meets all
28 requirements of the scholarship is entitled to receive a scholarship.
29 The office shall award all eligible students a scholarship beginning
30 in the 2022-23 academic year.

31 (2) The scholarship amount shall be as follows:

32 (a) For students attending registered apprenticeship programs or
33 undergraduate programs at public two or four-year institutions of
34 higher education, the scholarship award shall be the difference
35 between the student's tuition and required fees, less the value of
36 any state-funded grant, scholarship, or waiver assistance received;

37 (b) For students attending undergraduate private four-year
38 institutions of higher education, the scholarship award shall be the

1 representative average of awards granted to students in public
2 research universities in Washington;

3 (c) For students attending private vocational schools in
4 Washington, the scholarship award shall be the representative average
5 of awards granted to students in public community and technical
6 colleges in Washington; and

7 (d) For students attending a graduate or professional program in
8 Washington, the scholarship award shall be the representative average
9 of awards granted to students in public research universities in
10 Washington.

11 (3) Scholarship recipients may receive scholarship funds for no
12 more than two years' worth of full-time enrollment.

13 (4) Qualifications for receipt and renewal include maintaining
14 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible
15 program as determined by the office and established in rule.

16 (5) Should a recipient terminate enrollment for any reason during
17 the academic year, the unused portion of the scholarship must be
18 returned to the institution of higher education according to the
19 institution of higher education's policy for issuing refunds.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The caseload forecast council shall
21 estimate the anticipated caseload of the crime victims and families
22 scholarship program and submit the caseload forecast as specified in
23 RCW 43.88C.020.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2020 c 352 s 1 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
27 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
28 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of
29 the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
30 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from
31 among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other
32 officers as the members deem necessary.

33 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
34 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
35 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

36 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of
37 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
38 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each

1 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
2 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
3 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
4 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes
5 of this section.

6 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation
7 of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
8 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
9 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
10 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
11 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved
12 by the council.

13 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for
14 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
15 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on
16 assumptions specified by the member.

17 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
18 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
19 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the
20 council or on official business authorized by the council.
21 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel
22 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

24 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement
25 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,
26 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
27 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common
28 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
29 adoption support;

30 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
31 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an
32 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

33 (c) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
34 college grant program under RCW 28B.92.200 and 28B.92.205 and are
35 expected to attend an institution of higher education as defined in
36 RCW 28B.92.030; (~~and~~)

37 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW
38 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually
39 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program; and

1 (e) The number of students who are eligible for the crime victims
2 and families scholarship program under chapter 28B.--- RCW (the new
3 chapter created in section 6 of this act) and are expected to attend
4 an institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

5 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
6 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
7 programs as a courtesy.

8 (9) The caseload forecast council shall present the number of
9 individuals who are assessed as eligible for and have requested a
10 service through the individual and family services waiver and the
11 basic plus waiver administered by the developmental disabilities
12 administration as a courtesy. The caseload forecast council shall be
13 presented with the service request list as defined in RCW 71A.10.020
14 to aid in development of this information.

15 (10) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth
16 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW
17 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster
18 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

19 (11) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the number of
20 youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation services while
21 involved in the foster care system and the number of screened in
22 reports of child abuse or neglect.

23 (12) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
24 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 1 through 4 of this act
26 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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