
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5275

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Nobles, Slatter, Hasegawa, Lias, Saldaña, Valdez, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the funding for the passport to
2 careers program; and amending RCW 28B.76.525.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.525 and 2020 c 357 s 910 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The state financial aid account is created in the custody of
7 the state treasurer. The primary purpose of the account is to ensure
8 that all appropriations designated for financial aid through
9 statewide student financial aid programs are made available to
10 eligible students. The account shall be a nontreasury account.

11 (2) The office shall deposit in the account all money received
12 for the Washington college grant program established under chapter
13 28B.92 RCW, the state work-study program established under chapter
14 28B.12 RCW, the Washington scholars program established under RCW
15 28A.600.110, the Washington award for vocational excellence program
16 established under RCW 28C.04.525, ~~((and))~~ the educational opportunity
17 grant program established under chapter 28B.101 RCW, and the passport
18 to careers program established under chapter 28B.117 RCW. The account
19 shall consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the
20 programs listed in this subsection and private contributions to the
21 programs. Moneys deposited in the account do not lapse at the close

1 of the fiscal period for which they were appropriated. Both during
2 and after the fiscal period in which moneys were deposited in the
3 account, the office may expend moneys in the account only for the
4 purposes for which they were appropriated, and the expenditures are
5 subject to any other conditions or limitations placed on the
6 appropriations.

7 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships
8 to students eligible for the programs according to program rules and
9 policies. For the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, expenditures may also be
10 used for scholarship awards in the passport to career program
11 established under chapter 28B.117 RCW. It is the intent of the
12 legislature that this policy will be continued in subsequent fiscal
13 biennia.

14 (4) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations
15 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

16 (5) Only the director of the office or the director's designee
17 may authorize expenditures from the account.

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