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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1340**

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**By** House College & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Hansen, Leavitt, Gregerson, Orwall, Mead, Bergquist, Sells, Stanford, Stonier, Dolan, Valdez, Goodman, Springer, Macri, Jinkins, Pollet, and Wylie; by request of Office of the Governor)

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide free college program  
2 by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise  
3 scholarship; amending RCW 28B.92.030, 43.88C.010, 28B.10.790,  
4 28B.12.030, 28B.92.040, 28B.92.065, 28B.15.065, 28B.15.740,  
5 28B.15.760, 28B.15.762, 28B.15.820, 28B.116.010, 28A.180.120,  
6 28B.76.502, 28B.76.525, 28B.76.526, 28B.76.540, 28B.76.699,  
7 28B.77.020, 28B.117.020, 28B.118.090, 28B.133.010, 28B.133.020, and  
8 28C.18.166; reenacting and amending RCW 28B.108.010, 28B.118.010,  
9 28B.145.010, and 28B.145.030; adding new sections to chapter 28B.92  
10 RCW; repealing RCW 28B.92.010, 28B.92.020, 28B.92.050, 28B.92.060,  
11 28B.92.080, 28B.92.082, 28B.92.084, 28B.119.005, 28B.119.010,  
12 28B.119.020, 28B.119.030, 28B.119.040, 28B.119.050, and 28B.119.900;  
13 and providing an effective date.

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

15 **PART I**  
16 **CREATES THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP**  
17 **PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE STATE NEED GRANT PROGRAM**

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The legislature finds that individuals with a postsecondary  
2 credential have a greater chance of earning a wage that can support  
3 themselves and their families than if they do not obtain a  
4 postsecondary credential. At the same time, Washington employers are  
5 in need of many more individuals who possess postsecondary  
6 qualifications. Access to postsecondary opportunities are vital to  
7 ensure that more Washington high school graduates and working adults  
8 can enter and complete a postsecondary program and compete for the  
9 job opportunities available in the state.

10 (2) The legislature further finds that a statewide free college  
11 program, for students who demonstrate financial need as defined in  
12 section 3 of this act, is necessary to significantly reduce the  
13 financial costs of obtaining a postsecondary credential. The  
14 Washington college promise scholarship program is intended to  
15 increase access to postsecondary opportunities for Washington  
16 residents.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The Washington college promise scholarship program is created  
20 to provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants  
21 and greater access to postsecondary education for Washington  
22 residents. The Washington college promise scholarship program is  
23 intended to increase the number of high school graduates and adults  
24 that can attain a postsecondary credential and provide them with the  
25 qualifications needed to compete for job opportunities in Washington.

26 (2) The office of student financial assistance shall implement  
27 and administer the Washington college promise scholarship program and  
28 is authorized to establish rules necessary for implementation of the  
29 program.

30 (3) The legislature shall appropriate funding for the Washington  
31 college promise scholarship program. Allocations must be made on the  
32 basis of estimated eligible participants enrolled in eligible  
33 institutions of higher education or apprenticeship programs. All  
34 eligible students are entitled to a Washington college promise  
35 scholarship.

36 (4) The office shall award Washington college promise  
37 scholarships to all eligible students beginning in academic year  
38 2021-22.

1 (5) To be eligible for the Washington college promise  
2 scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

3 (a) Demonstrate financial need under section 3 of this act;

4 (b) (i) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment for at least three  
5 quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits at an institution  
6 of higher education in Washington as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; or

7 (ii) Be enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program approved  
8 under chapter 49.04 RCW;

9 (c) (i) Be a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a)  
10 through (e); or

11 (ii) Be a student who has:

12 (A) Completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a  
13 high school diploma, or the equivalent, either at a Washington public  
14 high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195  
15 RCW;

16 (B) Lived in Washington state for at least three years  
17 immediately before receiving the diploma or its equivalent;

18 (C) Continuously lived in Washington state after receiving the  
19 diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is  
20 admitted to an eligible institution of higher education; and

21 (D) Been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status  
22 pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the United States  
23 citizenship and immigration services;

24 (d) File an annual application for financial aid as approved by  
25 the office; and

26 (e) Must not have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a  
27 postsecondary institution.

28 (6) Washington college promise scholarship eligibility may not  
29 extend beyond five years or one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
30 published length of the program in which the student is enrolled or  
31 the credit or clock-hour equivalent.

32 (7) Institutional aid administrators shall determine whether a  
33 student eligible for the Washington college promise scholarship in a  
34 given academic year may remain eligible for the ensuing year if the  
35 student's family income increases by no more than three percent.

36 (8) Qualifications for receipt and renewal include maintaining  
37 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible  
38 program as determined by the office and established in rule.

39 (9) Should a recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any  
40 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the

1 scholarship shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by  
2 the institution of higher education according to the institution of  
3 higher education's policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in  
4 RCW 28B.92.070.

5 (10) An eligible student enrolled on a part-time basis shall  
6 receive a prorated portion of the Washington college promise  
7 scholarship for any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on  
8 a part-time basis.

9 (11) The Washington college promise scholarship is intended to be  
10 used to meet the costs of postsecondary education for students with  
11 financial need. The student shall be awarded all need-based financial  
12 aid for which the student qualifies as determined by the institution.

13 (12) Students and participating institutions of higher education  
14 shall comply with all the rules adopted by the council for the  
15 administration of this chapter.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in  
19 this chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to  
20 receive the Washington college promise scholarship. For the purposes  
21 of this act, students who demonstrate financial need are students  
22 with family incomes at or below seventy percent of the state median  
23 family income, adjusted for family size.

24 (2) Students with family incomes between zero and fifty percent  
25 of the state median family income shall receive the maximum  
26 Washington college promise scholarship award as defined in RCW  
27 28B.92.030. Awards for students with incomes between fifty-one and  
28 seventy percent of the state median family income shall be prorated  
29 at the following percentages of the maximum Washington college  
30 promise scholarship award amount granted to those with incomes below  
31 fifty-one percent of the state median family income:

32 (a) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between  
33 fifty-one and fifty-five percent of the state median family income;

34 (b) Sixty-five percent for students with family incomes between  
35 fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income;

36 (c) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
37 one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income; and

38 (d) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
39 six and seventy percent of the state median family income.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2013 c 248 s 2 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       As used in this chapter:

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

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

13       ~~(3))~~ "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to ((needy))  
14 students who demonstrate financial need enrolled or accepted for  
15 enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

16       (3) "Financial need" means a demonstrated financial inability to  
17 bear the total cost of education as directed in rule by the office.

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

19       (a) Any public university, college, community college, or  
20 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any  
21 political subdivision thereof; or

22       (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the  
23 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level  
24 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized  
25 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that  
26 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW  
27 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility  
28 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an  
29 institution operating in another state must be:

30       (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such  
31 accrediting association;

32       (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting  
33 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this  
34 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid  
35 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university  
36 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty  
37 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual  
38 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;  
39       ((~~or~~))

1 (iii) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of  
2 Washington as provided in RCW 28B.77.240; or

3 (iv) An approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW.

4 (5) (~~("Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an  
5 institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the  
6 financial inability, either through the student's parents, family  
7 and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and  
8 tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy  
9 student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by  
10 RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as  
11 defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high school  
12 graduation.))~~ "Maximum Washington college promise scholarship award":

13 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of  
14 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, is tuition and  
15 estimated fees for fifteen quarter credit hours or the equivalent, as  
16 determined by the office, including operating fees, building fees,  
17 and services and activities fees.

18 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of  
19 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum  
20 Washington college promise scholarship award under (a) of this  
21 subsection, or individual institution tuition for fifteen quarter  
22 credit hours or the equivalent.

23 (c) For students attending two-year private institutions of  
24 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum  
25 Washington college promise scholarship award at a community or  
26 technical college or individual institution tuition for fifteen  
27 quarter credit hours or the equivalent.

28 (d) For students attending approved apprenticeship programs, is  
29 tuition and fees, as determined by the office, in addition to  
30 required program supplies and equipment.

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

32 (~~(7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to  
33 complete a college program because of family or employment  
34 commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar  
35 factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced  
36 student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an  
37 eligible institution.))~~)

38 **PART II**

39 **CASELOAD FORECAST**

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated  
4    caseload of the Washington college promise scholarship program and  
5    submit the caseload forecast as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

6        **Sec. 6.**    RCW 43.88C.010 and 2018 c 208 s 4 are each amended to  
7    read as follows:

8        (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council  
9    shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four  
10   individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of  
11   the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of  
12   representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from  
13   among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other  
14   officers as the members deem necessary.

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

18        (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of  
19   the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
20   supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each  
21   term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
22   term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
23   one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
24   supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes  
25   of this section.

26        (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation  
27   of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
28   official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
29   the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
30   RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
31   approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved  
32   by the council.

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

37        (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
38   additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
39   in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the

1 council or on official business authorized by the council.  
2 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel  
3 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

5 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement  
6 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,  
7 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional  
8 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common  
9 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and  
10 adoption support;

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

14 (c) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
15 college promise scholarship program under section 2 of this act and  
16 are expected to attend an institution of higher education as defined  
17 in RCW 28B.92.030; and

18 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW  
19 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually  
20 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

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

24 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth  
25 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW  
26 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster  
27 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

28 (10) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the number of  
29 youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation services while  
30 involved in the foster care system and the number of screened in  
31 reports of child abuse or neglect.

32 (11) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
33 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

### 34 PART III

### 35 UPDATING REFERENCES

36 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 2012 c 229 s 518 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:



1 Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or  
2 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with  
3 the state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial  
4 aid program outlined in chapter 28B.92 RCW if:

5 (1) They qualify as a ("needy student") student who  
6 demonstrates financial need as defined under RCW 28B.92.030(~~(4)~~);  
7 and

8 (2) The institution attended is a member institution of an  
9 accrediting association recognized by rule of the student achievement  
10 council for the purposes of this section and is specifically  
11 encompassed within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement  
12 and agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations  
13 pertaining to such students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW  
14 28B.92.150.

15 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.12.030 and 2017 c 52 s 1 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (~~As used~~) The definitions in this section apply throughout this  
18 chapter(~~, the following words and terms shall have the following~~  
19 ~~meanings,~~) unless the context (~~shall~~) clearly (~~indicate another~~  
20 ~~or different meaning or intent:~~) requires otherwise.

21 (~~The term "needy student" shall mean a student enrolled or~~  
22 ~~accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary institution who, according~~  
23 ~~to a system of need analysis approved by the office of student~~  
24 ~~financial assistance, demonstrates a financial inability, either~~  
25 ~~parental, familial, or personal, to bear the total cost of education~~  
26 ~~for any semester or quarter.~~

27 (~~The term~~) "Eligible institution" (~~shall~~) means any  
28 postsecondary institution in this state accredited by the Northwest  
29 Association of Schools and Colleges, or a campus of a member  
30 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the  
31 student achievement council for purposes of this section, that is  
32 eligible for federal student financial aid assistance and has  
33 operated as a nonprofit college or university delivering on-site  
34 classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty consecutive years  
35 within the state of Washington, or any public technical college in  
36 the state.

37 (2) "Financial need" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.92.030.

1       **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.92.040 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 160 are each  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       The office shall be cognizant of the following guidelines in the  
4 performance of its duties:

5       (1) The office shall be research oriented, not only at its  
6 inception but continually through its existence.

7       (2) The office shall coordinate all existing programs of  
8 financial aid except those specifically dedicated to a particular  
9 institution by the donor.

10       (3) The office shall take the initiative and responsibility for  
11 coordinating all federal student financial aid programs to ensure  
12 that the state recognizes the maximum potential effect of these  
13 programs, and shall design state programs that complement existing  
14 federal, state, and institutional programs. (~~The office shall ensure  
15 that state programs continue to follow the principle that state  
16 financial aid funding follows the student to the student's choice of  
17 institution of higher education.~~)

18       (4) Counseling is a paramount function of the (~~state need  
19 grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program and other  
20 state student financial aid programs, and in most cases could only be  
21 properly implemented at the institutional levels; therefore, state  
22 student financial aid programs shall be concerned with the attainment  
23 of those goals which, in the judgment of the office, are the reasons  
24 for the existence of a student financial aid program, and not solely  
25 with administration of the program on an individual basis.

26       (5) The "package" approach of combining loans, grants and  
27 employment for student financial aid shall be the conceptual element  
28 of the state's involvement.

29       (6) The office shall ensure that allocations of state  
30 appropriations for financial aid are made to individuals and  
31 institutions in a timely manner and shall closely monitor  
32 expenditures to avoid under or overexpenditure of appropriated funds.

33       **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.92.065 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 4 are each  
34 amended to read as follows:

35       Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each  
36 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from  
37 section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. will allow the  
38 legislature to reduce (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise  
39 scholarship program appropriations by an equal amount from the

1 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts. The legislature does not intend to  
2 reduce award levels for private colleges and universities below the  
3 2014-15 academic year levels.

4 ~~((By reducing the overall cost of tuition, the legislature in  
5 future biennia is better able and intends to serve those students  
6 currently eligible but unserved in the state need grant.))~~

7 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.15.065 and 1977 ex.s. c 322 s 6 are each  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 It is the intent of the legislature that ~~((needy))~~ students who  
10 demonstrate financial need not be deprived of access to higher  
11 education due to increases in educational costs or consequent  
12 increases in tuition and fees. It is the sense of the legislature  
13 that state appropriations for student financial aid be adjusted in an  
14 amount which together with funds estimated to be available in the  
15 form of basic educational opportunity grants as authorized under  
16 Section 411 of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 as now or  
17 hereafter amended will equal twenty-four percent of any change in  
18 revenue estimated to occur as a result of revisions in tuition and  
19 fee levels under the provisions of chapter 322, Laws of 1977 ex.  
20 sess.

21 **Sec. 12.** RCW 28B.15.740 and 2015 c 55 s 223 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing  
24 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The  
25 Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may  
26 waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for ~~((needy))~~ students who  
27 demonstrate financial need and are eligible for resident tuition and  
28 fee rates pursuant to RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013. Subject to the  
29 limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state  
30 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,  
31 and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion  
32 of tuition and fees for other students at the discretion of the  
33 governing boards, except on the basis of participation in  
34 intercollegiate athletic programs, not to exceed three-fourths of one  
35 percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue under RCW  
36 28B.15.910 for the community and technical colleges considered as a  
37 whole and not to exceed two percent of gross authorized operating  
38 fees revenue for the other institutions of higher education.

1 (2) In addition to the tuition and fee waivers provided in  
2 subsection (1) of this section and subject to the provisions of RCW  
3 28B.15.455, 28B.15.460, and 28B.15.910, a total dollar amount of  
4 tuition and fee waivers awarded by any state university, regional  
5 university, or state college under this chapter, not to exceed one  
6 percent, as calculated in subsection (1) of this section, may be used  
7 for the purpose of achieving or maintaining gender equity in  
8 intercollegiate athletic programs. At any institution that has an  
9 underrepresented gender class in intercollegiate athletics, any such  
10 waivers shall be awarded:

11 (a) First, to members of the underrepresented gender class who  
12 participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers result  
13 in saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs  
14 for the underrepresented gender class. Such saved or displaced money  
15 shall be used for programs for the underrepresented gender class; and

16 (b) Second, (i) to nonmembers of the underrepresented gender  
17 class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such  
18 waivers result in saved or displaced money that can be used for  
19 athletic programs for members of the underrepresented gender class.  
20 Such saved or displaced money shall be used for programs for the  
21 underrepresented gender class; or (ii) to members of the  
22 underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate  
23 athletics, where such waivers do not result in any saved or displaced  
24 money that can be used for athletic programs for members of the  
25 underrepresented gender class.

26 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.15.760 and 2012 c 229 s 528 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
29 this section apply throughout RCW 28B.15.762 and 28B.15.764.

30 (1) "Borrower" means an eligible student who has received a loan  
31 under RCW 28B.15.762.

32 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

33 (3) "Eligible student" means a student registered for at least  
34 ten credit hours or the equivalent and demonstrates achievement of a  
35 3.00 grade point average for each academic year, who is a resident  
36 student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, who is a  
37 (~~"needy"~~) student (~~("")~~) who demonstrates financial need as defined in  
38 RCW 28B.92.030, and who has a declared major in a program leading to  
39 a degree in teacher education in a field of science or mathematics,

1 or a certificated teacher who meets the same credit hour and (~~"needy~~  
2 ~~student"~~) financial eligibility requirements and is seeking an  
3 additional degree in science or mathematics.

4 (4) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" means to collect service as a  
5 teacher in a field of science or mathematics at a public school in  
6 the state of Washington in lieu of monetary payment.

7 (5) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
8 college or university in the state of Washington which is a member  
9 institution of an accrediting association recognized as such by rule  
10 of the council.

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

12 (7) "Public school" means a middle school, junior high school, or  
13 high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX  
14 of the state Constitution.

15 (8) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

16 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28B.15.762 and 2012 c 229 s 529 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The council may make long-term loans to eligible students at  
19 institutions of higher education from the funds appropriated to the  
20 council for this purpose. The amount of any such loan shall not  
21 exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student or two thousand  
22 five hundred dollars for each academic year whichever is less, and  
23 the total amount of such loans to an eligible student shall not  
24 exceed ten thousand dollars. The interest rates and terms of deferral  
25 of such loans shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed  
26 loan program established by 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq. The period  
27 for repaying the loan principal and interest shall be ten years with  
28 payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the  
29 borrower graduated. The entire principal and interest of each loan  
30 payment shall be forgiven for each payment period in which the  
31 borrower teaches science or mathematics in a public school in this  
32 state until the entire loan is satisfied or the borrower ceases to  
33 teach science or mathematics at a public school in this state. Should  
34 the borrower cease to teach science or mathematics at a public school  
35 in this state before the time in which the principal and interest on  
36 the loan are satisfied, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the  
37 principal and interest on the loan shall begin the next payment  
38 period and continue until the remainder of the loan is paid.

1 (2) The council is responsible for collection of loans made under  
2 subsection (1) of this section and shall exercise due diligence in  
3 such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that  
4 maximum repayments are made. Collection and servicing of loans under  
5 subsection (1) of this section shall be pursued using the full extent  
6 of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be  
7 performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington  
8 student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. The  
9 council is responsible to forgive all or parts of such loans under  
10 the criteria established in subsection (1) of this section and shall  
11 maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

12 (3) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any  
13 other subsidies to which the council as lender is entitled, which are  
14 paid by or on behalf of borrowers under subsection (1) of this  
15 section, shall be deposited with the office and shall be used to  
16 cover the costs of making the loans under subsection (1) of this  
17 section, maintaining necessary records, and making collections under  
18 subsection (2) of this section. The office shall maintain accurate  
19 records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to  
20 pay such costs shall be used to make loans to eligible students.

21 (4) Any funds not used to make loans, or to cover the cost of  
22 making loans or making collections, shall be placed in the state  
23 educational trust fund for (~~needy or disadvantaged~~) students who  
24 demonstrate financial need.

25 (5) The council shall adopt necessary rules to implement this  
26 section.

27 **Sec. 15.** RCW 28B.15.820 and 2009 c 215 s 9 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) Each institution of higher education, including technical  
30 colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of  
31 revenues collected from tuition and services and activities fees in  
32 an institutional financial aid fund that is hereby created and which  
33 shall be held locally. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for the  
34 following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-term loans to  
35 eligible students as provided in subsections (3) through (8) of this  
36 section; (b) to make short-term loans as provided in subsection (9)  
37 of this section; (c) to provide financial aid to (~~needy~~) students  
38 who demonstrate financial need as provided in subsection (10) of this

1 section; or (d) to provide financial aid to students as provided in  
2 subsection (11) of this section.

3 (2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3)  
4 through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at  
5 least three credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for  
6 resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and  
7 28B.15.013, and who is a (~~"needy"~~) student(("who demonstrates  
8 financial need as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

9 (3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this  
10 section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the  
11 student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions  
12 which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan  
13 program established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or  
14 hereafter amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the  
15 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.  
16 Institutions are hereby granted full authority to operate as an  
17 eligible lender under the guaranteed loan program.

18 (4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each  
19 institution shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the  
20 loan based on factors which include, but are not limited to, the  
21 student's accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment  
22 opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the  
23 student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the  
24 student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the  
25 availability of other forms of financial aid.

26 (5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed  
27 long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due  
28 diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to  
29 insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate  
30 with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty  
31 association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection  
32 of guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the  
33 loans is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-  
34 term loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved  
35 for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty  
36 association or its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be  
37 permitted to perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do  
38 so by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its  
39 successor agency. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term  
40 loans made by community colleges under subsection (1) of this section

1 shall be coordinated by the state board for community and technical  
2 colleges and shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state  
3 board.

4 (6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other  
5 subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are  
6 paid by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3)  
7 through (8) of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's  
8 financial aid fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the  
9 guaranteed long-term loans under this section and maintaining  
10 necessary records and making collections under subsection (5) of this  
11 section: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not exceed five percent of  
12 aggregate outstanding loan principal. Institutions shall maintain  
13 accurate records of such costs, and all receipts beyond those  
14 necessary to pay such costs, shall be deposited in the institution's  
15 financial aid fund.

16 (7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
17 universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board  
18 for community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community  
19 colleges and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and  
20 regulations to implement this section.

21 (8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under  
22 this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally  
23 have access to educational loans from private financial institutions  
24 in Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary  
25 markets in the support of loan consolidation.

26 (9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from  
27 the institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the  
28 institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known  
29 by the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of  
30 any outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if  
31 the institution has ample evidence that the student has the  
32 capability of repaying the loan within the time frame specified by  
33 the institution for repayment.

34 (10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund  
35 that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used  
36 by the institution for locally administered financial aid programs  
37 for (~~needy~~) students who demonstrate financial need, such as need-  
38 based institutional employment programs or need-based tuition and fee  
39 scholarship or grant programs. These funds shall be used in addition  
40 to and not to replace institutional funds that would otherwise



1 support these locally administered financial aid programs. First  
2 priority in the use of these funds shall be given to (~~needy~~)  
3 students who demonstrate financial need and have accumulated  
4 excessive educational loan burdens. An excessive educational loan  
5 burden is a burden that will be difficult to repay given employment  
6 opportunities and average starting salaries in the student's chosen  
7 fields of study. Second priority in the use of these funds shall be  
8 given to (~~needy~~) single parents who are students who demonstrate  
9 financial need, to assist these students with their educational  
10 expenses, including expenses associated with child care and  
11 transportation.

12 (11) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund  
13 may be used by the institution for a locally administered financial  
14 aid program for high school students enrolled in dual credit  
15 programs. If institutions use funds in this manner, the governing  
16 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The  
17 Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and  
18 technical colleges shall each adopt necessary rules to implement this  
19 subsection. Moneys from this fund may be used for all educational  
20 expenses related to a student's participation in a dual credit  
21 program including but not limited to tuition, fees, course materials,  
22 and transportation.

23 **Sec. 16.** RCW 28B.108.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 191 are each  
24 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

25 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
26 this section apply throughout this chapter.

27 (1) "Eligible student" or "student" means an American Indian who  
28 is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial need,  
29 as defined in RCW 28B.92.030, who is a resident student, as defined  
30 by RCW 28B.15.012(2), who is a full-time student at an institution of  
31 higher education, and who promises to use his or her education to  
32 benefit other American Indians.

33 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
34 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited  
35 by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the  
36 council for higher education.

37 (3) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

1       **Sec. 17.** RCW 28B.116.010 and 2013 c 39 s 10 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
4 this section apply throughout this chapter.

5       (1) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with the  
6 attendance of the institution of higher education as determined by  
7 the office of student financial assistance, including but not limited  
8 to tuition, room, board, and books.

9       (2) "Eligible student" means a student who:

10       (a) Is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three;

11       (b) Has been in foster care in the state of Washington for a  
12 minimum of six months since his or her fourteenth birthday;

13       (c) Is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial  
14 need, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

15       (d) Is a resident student, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2);

16       (e) Has entered or will enter an institution of higher education  
17 in Washington state within three years of high school graduation or  
18 having successfully completed his or her high school equivalency  
19 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;

20       (f) Is not pursuing a degree in theology; and

21       (g) Makes satisfactory progress towards the completion of a  
22 degree or certificate program.

23       (3) "Institution of higher education" means a college or  
24 university in the state of Washington that is accredited by an  
25 accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the student  
26 achievement council.

27       (4) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

28       **Sec. 18.** RCW 28A.180.120 and 2017 c 236 s 4 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30       In 2017, funds must be appropriated for the purposes in this  
31 section.

32       (1) The professional educator standards board, beginning in the  
33 2017-2019 biennium, shall administer the bilingual educator  
34 initiative, which is a long-term program to recruit, prepare, and  
35 mentor bilingual high school students to become future bilingual  
36 teachers and counselors.

37       (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
38 specific purpose, pilot projects must be implemented in one or two  
39 school districts east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one

1 or two school districts west of the crest of the Cascade mountains,  
2 where immigrant students are shown to be rapidly increasing.  
3 Districts selected by the professional educator standards board must  
4 partner with at least one two-year and one four-year college in  
5 planning and implementing the program. The professional educator  
6 standards board shall provide oversight.

7 (3) Participating school districts must implement programs,  
8 including: (a) An outreach plan that exposes the program to middle  
9 school students and recruits them to enroll in the program when they  
10 begin their ninth grade of high school; (b) activities in ninth and  
11 tenth grades that help build student agency, such as self-confidence  
12 and awareness, while helping students to develop academic mind-sets  
13 needed for high school and college success; the value and benefits of  
14 teaching and counseling as careers; and introduction to leadership,  
15 civic engagement, and community service; (c) credit-bearing curricula  
16 in grades eleven and twelve that include mentoring, shadowing, best  
17 practices in teaching in a multicultural world, efficacy and practice  
18 of dual language instruction, social and emotional learning, enhanced  
19 leadership, civic engagement, and community service activities.

20 (4) There must be a pipeline to college using two-year and four-  
21 year college faculty and consisting of continuation services for  
22 program participants, such as advising, tutoring, mentoring,  
23 financial assistance, and leadership.

24 (5) High school and college teachers and counselors must be  
25 recruited and compensated to serve as mentors and trainers for  
26 participating students.

27 (6) After obtaining a high school diploma, students qualify to  
28 receive conditional loans to cover the full cost of college tuition,  
29 fees, and books. To qualify for funds, students must meet program  
30 requirements as developed by their local implementation team, which  
31 consists of staff from their school district and the partnering two-  
32 year and four-year college faculty.

33 (7) In order to avoid loan repayment, students must (a) earn  
34 their baccalaureate degree and certification needed to serve as a  
35 teacher or professional guidance counselor; and (b) teach or serve as  
36 a counselor in their educational service district region for at least  
37 five years. Students who do not meet the repayment terms in this  
38 subsection are subject to repaying all or part of the financial aid  
39 they receive for college unless students are recipients of funding  
40 provided through programs such as the (~~state need grant~~) Washington

1 college promise scholarship program or the college bound scholarship  
2 program.

3 (8) Grantees must work with the professional educator standards  
4 board to draft the report required in section 6, chapter 236, Laws of  
5 2017.

6 (9) The professional educator standards board may adopt rules to  
7 implement this section.

8 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28B.76.502 and 2017 c 177 s 1 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The office must provide a financial aid counseling curriculum  
11 to institutions of higher education with (~~(state need grant)~~)  
12 Washington college promise scholarship recipients. The curriculum  
13 must be available via a web site. The curriculum must include, but  
14 not be limited to:

15 (a) An explanation of the (~~(state need grant)~~) Washington college  
16 promise scholarship program rules, including maintaining satisfactory  
17 progress, repayment rules, and usage limits;

18 (b) Information on campus and private scholarships and work-study  
19 opportunities, including the application processes;

20 (c) An overview of student loan options with an emphasis on the  
21 repayment obligations a student borrower assumes regardless of  
22 program completion, including the likely consequences of default and  
23 sample monthly repayment amounts based on a range of student levels  
24 of indebtedness;

25 (d) An overview of personal finance, including basic money  
26 management skills such as living within a budget and handling credit  
27 and debt;

28 (e) Average salaries for a wide range of jobs;

29 (f) Financial education that meets the needs of, and includes  
30 perspectives from, a diverse group of students who are or were  
31 recipients of financial aid, including student loans, who may be  
32 trained by the financial education public-private partnership; and

33 (g) Contact information for local financial aid resources and the  
34 federal student aid ombuds' office.

35 (2) By the 2013-14 academic year, the institution of higher  
36 education must take reasonable steps to ensure that each (~~(state need~~  
37 ~~grant)~~) Washington college promise scholarship recipient receives  
38 information outlined in subsection (1)(a) through (g) of this section

1 by directly referencing or linking to the web site on the conditions  
2 of award statement provided to each recipient.

3 (3) By July 1, 2013, the office must disseminate the curriculum  
4 to all institutions of higher education participating in the (~~state~~  
5 ~~need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program. The  
6 institutions of higher education may require (~~nonstate need grant~~  
7 ~~recipients~~) students who are not participating in the Washington  
8 college promise scholarship program to participate in all or portions  
9 of the financial aid counseling.

10 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
11 specific purpose, by the 2017-18 academic year, each institution of  
12 higher education must take reasonable steps to ensure that the  
13 institution presents, and each incoming student participates in, a  
14 financial education workshop. The scope of the workshop must include,  
15 but is not limited to, the information outlined in subsection (1)(b)  
16 through (g) of this section, and include recommendations by the  
17 financial education public-private partnership. The institutions are  
18 encouraged to present these workshops during student orientation or  
19 as early as possible in the academic year.

20 **Sec. 20.** RCW 28B.76.525 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 110 are each  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (1) The state financial aid account is created in the custody of  
23 the state treasurer. The primary purpose of the account is to ensure  
24 that all appropriations designated for financial aid through  
25 statewide student financial aid programs are made available to  
26 eligible students. The account shall be a nontreasury account.

27 (2) The office shall deposit in the account all money received  
28 for the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship  
29 program (~~established under RCW 28B.92.010~~) created under section 2  
30 of this act, the state work-study program established under chapter  
31 28B.12 RCW, the Washington scholars program established under RCW  
32 28A.600.110, the Washington award for vocational excellence program  
33 established under RCW 28C.04.525, and the educational opportunity  
34 grant program established under chapter 28B.101 RCW. The account  
35 shall consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the  
36 programs listed in this subsection and private contributions to the  
37 programs. Moneys deposited in the account do not lapse at the close  
38 of the fiscal period for which they were appropriated. Both during  
39 and after the fiscal period in which moneys were deposited in the

1 account, the office may expend moneys in the account only for the  
2 purposes for which they were appropriated, and the expenditures are  
3 subject to any other conditions or limitations placed on the  
4 appropriations.

5 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships  
6 to students eligible for the programs according to program rules and  
7 policies.

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

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

12 **Sec. 21.** RCW 28B.76.526 and 2018 c 232 s 10 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 The Washington opportunity pathways account is created in the  
15 state treasury. Expenditures from the account may be used only for  
16 programs in chapter 28A.710 RCW (charter schools), chapter 28B.12 RCW  
17 (state work-study), chapter 28B.50 RCW (opportunity grant), RCW  
18 28B.76.660 (Washington scholars award), RCW 28B.76.670 (Washington  
19 award for vocational excellence), chapter 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need  
20 grant))~~) Washington college promise scholarship program), chapter  
21 28B.105 RCW (GET ready for math and science scholarship), chapter  
22 28B.117 RCW (passport to careers), chapter 28B.118 RCW (college bound  
23 scholarship), (~~(chapter 28B.119 RCW (Washington promise  
24 scholarship),~~) and chapter (~~(43.215)~~) 43.216 RCW (early childhood  
25 education and assistance program).

26 **Sec. 22.** RCW 28B.76.540 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 111 are each  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 In addition to administrative responsibilities assigned in this  
29 chapter, the office shall administer the programs set forth in the  
30 following statutes: RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 (Washington  
31 scholars); chapter 28B.85 RCW (degree-granting institutions); chapter  
32 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need grant))~~) Washington college promise  
33 scholarship); chapter 28B.12 RCW (work-study); RCW 28B.15.543  
34 (~~((tuition waivers for Washington scholars))~~) grants for undergraduate  
35 coursework); RCW 28B.15.760 through 28B.15.766 (math and science  
36 loans); RCW 28B.15.100 (reciprocity agreement); RCW 28B.15.730  
37 through 28B.15.734 (Oregon reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.750 and  
38 28B.15.752 (Idaho reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.756 (British Columbia

1 reciprocity); chapter 28B.101 RCW (educational opportunity grant);  
2 chapter 28B.102 RCW (future teachers conditional scholarship);  
3 chapter 28B.108 RCW (American Indian endowed scholarship); chapter  
4 28B.109 RCW (Washington international exchange scholarship); chapter  
5 28B.115 RCW (health professional conditional scholarship); (~~chapter~~  
6 ~~28B.119 RCW (Washington promise scholarship);~~) and chapter 28B.133  
7 RCW (gaining independence for students with dependents).

8       **Sec. 23.** RCW 28B.76.699 and 2016 c 233 s 17 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10       (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
11 specific purpose, the office shall administer a student teaching  
12 residency grant program to provide additional funds to individuals  
13 completing student teaching residencies at public schools in  
14 Washington.

15       (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients must be enrolled in a  
16 professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation  
17 program, be completing or about to start a student teaching residency  
18 at a Title I school, and demonstrate financial need, as defined by  
19 the office and consistent with the income criteria required to  
20 receive the (~~state need grant established~~) Washington college  
21 promise scholarship created in chapter 28B.92 RCW.

22       (3) The office shall establish rules for administering the grants  
23 under this section.

24       **Sec. 24.** RCW 28B.77.020 and 2015 c 83 s 2 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26       (1) Aligned with the state's biennial budget and policy cycles,  
27 the council shall propose educational attainment goals and priorities  
28 to meet the state's evolving needs. The council shall identify  
29 strategies for meeting the goals and priorities by means of a short-  
30 term strategic action plan and a ten-year plan that serves as a  
31 roadmap.

32       (a) The goals must address the needs of Washington residents to  
33 reach higher levels of educational attainment and Washington's  
34 workforce needs for certificates and degrees in particular fields of  
35 study.

36       (b) The council shall identify the resources it deems appropriate  
37 to meet statewide goals and also recognize current state economic  
38 conditions and state resources.

1 (c) In proposing goals, the council shall collaborate with the  
2 superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator  
3 standards board, the state board of education, the state board for  
4 community and technical colleges, the four-year institutions of  
5 higher education, independent colleges and degree-granting  
6 institutions, certificate-granting institutions, and the workforce  
7 training and education coordinating board.

8 (2) The council shall update the strategic action plan every two  
9 years with the first strategic action plan to be submitted to the  
10 governor and the legislature by December 1, 2012. The ten-year  
11 roadmap must be updated every two years with the first roadmap to be  
12 submitted to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2013.  
13 The council must provide regular updates to the joint higher  
14 education committee created in RCW 44.04.360 as needed.

15 (3) In order to develop the ten-year roadmap, the council shall  
16 conduct strategic planning in collaboration with agencies and  
17 stakeholders and include input from the legislature. The council must  
18 also consult with the STEM education innovation alliance established  
19 under RCW 28A.188.030 in order to align strategies under the roadmap  
20 with the STEM framework for education and accountability developed by  
21 the alliance. The roadmap must encompass all sectors of higher  
22 education, including secondary to postsecondary transitions. The  
23 roadmap must outline strategies that address:

24 (a) Strategic planning, which includes setting benchmarks and  
25 goals for long-term degree production generally and in particular  
26 fields of study;

27 (b) Expanding access, affordability, quality, efficiency, and  
28 accountability among the various institutions of higher education;

29 (c) Higher education finance planning and strategic investments  
30 including budget recommendations necessary to meet statewide goals;

31 (d) System design and coordination;

32 (e) Improving student transitions;

33 (f) Higher education data and analysis, in collaboration with the  
34 education data center, which includes outcomes for recruitment,  
35 retention, and success of students;

36 (g) College and career access preparedness, in collaboration with  
37 the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the state  
38 board of education;

39 (h) Expanding participation and success for racial and ethnic  
40 minorities in higher education;



1 (i) Development and expansion of innovations in higher education  
2 including innovations to increase attainment of postsecondary  
3 certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and  
4 professional degrees; and innovations to improve precollege education  
5 in terms of cost-effectiveness and transitions to college-level  
6 education;

7 (j) Strengthening the education pipeline and degree production in  
8 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields, and  
9 aligning strategies under the roadmap with the STEM framework for  
10 action and accountability developed under RCW 28A.188.030; and

11 (k) Relevant policy research.

12 (4) As needed, the council must conduct system reviews consistent  
13 with RCW 28B.77.080.

14 (5) The council shall facilitate the development and expansion of  
15 innovative practices within, between, and among the sectors to  
16 increase educational attainment and assess the effectiveness of the  
17 innovations.

18 (6) The council shall use the data and analysis produced by, and  
19 in consultation with, the education data center created in RCW  
20 43.41.400 in developing policy recommendations and proposing goals.  
21 In conducting research and analysis the council at a minimum must:

22 (a) Identify barriers to increasing educational attainment,  
23 evaluate effectiveness of various educational models, identify best  
24 practices, and recommend methods to overcome barriers;

25 (b) Analyze data from multiple sources including data from  
26 academic research and from areas and agencies outside of education  
27 including but not limited to data from the department of health, the  
28 department of corrections, and the department of social and health  
29 services to determine best practices to remove barriers and to  
30 improve educational attainment;

31 (c) Assess educational achievement disaggregated by income level,  
32 age, gender, race and ethnicity, country of origin, and other  
33 relevant demographic groups working with data from the education data  
34 center;

35 (d) Track progress toward meeting the state's goals;

36 (e) Communicate results and provide access to data analysis to  
37 policymakers, the superintendent of public instruction, institutions  
38 of higher education, students, and the public; and

39 (f) Use data from the education data center wherever appropriate  
40 to conduct duties in (a) through (e) of this subsection.

1 (7) The council shall collaborate with the appropriate state  
2 agencies and stakeholders, including the state board of education,  
3 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state  
4 board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training  
5 and education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions of  
6 higher education to improve student transitions and success including  
7 but not limited to:

8 (a) Setting minimum college admission standards for four-year  
9 institutions of higher education, including:

10 (i) A requirement that coursework in American sign language or an  
11 American Indian language satisfies any requirement for instruction in  
12 a language other than English that the council or the institutions  
13 may establish as a general undergraduate admissions requirement; and

14 (ii) Encouragement of the use of multiple measures to determine  
15 whether a student must enroll in a precollege course, such as  
16 placement tests, the SAT, high school transcripts, college  
17 transcripts, or initial class performance;

18 (b) Proposing comprehensive policies and programs to encourage  
19 students to prepare for, understand how to access, and pursue  
20 postsecondary college and career programs, including specific  
21 policies and programs for students with disabilities;

22 (c) Recommending policies that require coordination between or  
23 among sectors such as dual high school-college programs, awarding  
24 college credit for advanced high school work, and transfer between  
25 two and four-year institutions of higher education or between  
26 different four-year institutions of higher education; and

27 (d) Identifying transitions issues and solutions for students,  
28 from high school to postsecondary education including community and  
29 technical colleges, four-year institutions of higher education,  
30 apprenticeships, training, or workplace education; between two-year  
31 and four-year institutions of higher education; and from  
32 postsecondary education to career. In addressing these issues the  
33 council must recognize that these transitions may occur multiple  
34 times as students continue their education.

35 (8) The council directs the work of the office, which includes  
36 administration of student financial aid programs under RCW  
37 28B.76.090, including the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college  
38 promise scholarship and other scholarships, the Washington advanced  
39 college tuition payment program, and work-study programs.

1 (9) The council may administer state and federal grants and  
2 programs including but not limited to those programs that provide  
3 incentives for improvements related to increased access and success  
4 in postsecondary education.

5 (10) The council shall protect higher education consumers  
6 including:

7 (a) Approving degree-granting postsecondary institutions  
8 consistent with existing statutory criteria;

9 (b) Establishing minimum criteria to assess whether students who  
10 attend proprietary institutions of higher education shall be eligible  
11 for the ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship  
12 and other forms of state financial aid.

13 (i) The criteria shall include retention rates, completion rates,  
14 loan default rates, and annual tuition increases, among other  
15 criteria for students who receive ~~((state need grant as))~~ the  
16 Washington college promise scholarship in chapter 28B.92 RCW and any  
17 other state financial aid.

18 (ii) The council may remove proprietary institutions of higher  
19 education from eligibility for the ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington  
20 college promise scholarship or other form of state financial aid if  
21 it finds that the institution or college does not meet minimum  
22 criteria.

23 (iii) The council shall report by December 1, 2014, to the joint  
24 higher education committee in RCW 44.04.360 on the outcomes of  
25 students receiving ~~((state need grants))~~ Washington college promise  
26 scholarships, impacts on meeting the state's higher education goals  
27 for educational attainment, and options for prioritization of the  
28 ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship and  
29 possible consequences of implementing each option. When examining  
30 options for prioritizing the ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college  
31 promise scholarship the council shall consider awarding ~~((grants))~~  
32 scholarships based on need rather than date of application and making  
33 awards based on other criteria selected by the council.

34 (11) The council shall adopt residency requirements by rule.

35 (12) The council shall arbitrate disputes between and among four-  
36 year institutions of higher education and the state board for  
37 community and technical colleges at the request of one or more of the  
38 institutions involved, or at the request of the governor, or from a  
39 resolution adopted by the legislature. The decision of the council  
40 shall be binding on the participants in the dispute.

1 (13) The council may solicit, accept, receive, and administer  
2 federal funds or private funds, in trust, or otherwise, and contract  
3 with foundations or with for-profit or nonprofit organizations to  
4 support the purposes and functions of the council.

5 (14) The council shall represent the broad public interest above  
6 the interests of the individual institutions of higher education.

7 **Sec. 25.** RCW 28B.117.020 and 2018 c 232 s 3 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
10 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (1) "Apprentice" means a person enrolled in a state-approved,  
12 federally registered, or reciprocally recognized apprenticeship  
13 program.

14 (2) "Apprenticeship" means an apprenticeship training program  
15 approved or recognized by the state apprenticeship council or similar  
16 federal entity.

17 (3) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with attending  
18 a particular institution of higher education as determined by the  
19 office, including but not limited to tuition, fees, room, board,  
20 books, personal expenses, and transportation, plus the cost of  
21 reasonable additional expenses incurred by an eligible student and  
22 approved by a financial aid administrator at the student's school of  
23 attendance.

24 (4) "Federal foster care system" means the foster care program  
25 under the federal unaccompanied refugee minors program, Title 8  
26 U.S.C. Sec. 1522 of the immigration and nationality act.

27 (5) "Financial need" means the difference between a student's  
28 cost of attendance and the student's total family contribution as  
29 determined by the method prescribed by the United States department  
30 of education.

31 (6) "Homeless" or "homelessness" means without a fixed, regular,  
32 and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the federal  
33 McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.

34 (7) "Independent college or university" means a private,  
35 nonprofit institution of higher education, open to residents of the  
36 state, providing programs of education beyond the high school level  
37 leading to at least the baccalaureate degree, and accredited by the  
38 Northwest association of schools and colleges, and other institutions  
39 as may be developed that are approved by the student achievement

1 council as meeting equivalent standards as those institutions  
2 accredited under this section.

3 (8) "Institution of higher education" means any institution  
4 eligible to and participating in the (~~state need grant~~) Washington  
5 college promise scholarship program.

6 (9) "Occupational-specific costs" means the costs associated with  
7 entering an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship, including but not  
8 limited to fees, tuition for classes, work clothes, rain gear, boots,  
9 occupation-specific tools.

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

11 (11) "Preapprenticeship" means an apprenticeship preparation  
12 program recognized by the state apprenticeship council and as defined  
13 in RCW 28C.18.162.

14 (12) "Program" means the passport to careers program created in  
15 this chapter.

16 (13) "State foster care system" means out-of-home care pursuant  
17 to a dependency and includes the placement of dependents from other  
18 states who are placed in Washington pursuant to orders issued under  
19 the interstate compact on the placement of children, chapter 26.34  
20 RCW.

21 (14) "Tribal court" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
22 13.38.040.

23 (15) "Tribal foster care system" means an out-of-home placement  
24 under a dependency order from a tribal court.

25 (16) "Unaccompanied" means a youth or young adult experiencing  
26 homelessness while not in the physical custody of a parent or  
27 guardian.

28 **Sec. 26.** RCW 28B.118.010 and 2018 c 204 s 1 and 2018 c 12 s 1  
29 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

30 The office of student financial assistance shall design the  
31 Washington college bound scholarship program in accordance with this  
32 section and in alignment with the (~~state need grant~~) Washington  
33 college promise scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW unless  
34 otherwise provided in this section.

35 (1) "Eligible students" are those students who:

36 (a) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. If a student  
37 qualifies in the seventh grade, the student remains eligible even if  
38 the student does not receive free or reduced-price lunches  
39 thereafter;

1 (b) Are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and:

2 (i) In grade seven through twelve; or

3 (ii) Are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one and have not  
4 graduated from high school; or

5 (c) Were dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and were adopted  
6 between the ages of fourteen and eighteen with a negotiated adoption  
7 agreement that includes continued eligibility for the Washington  
8 state college bound scholarship program pursuant to RCW 74.13A.025.

9 (2) Eligible students and the students' parents or guardians  
10 shall be notified of the student's eligibility for the Washington  
11 college bound scholarship program beginning in the student's seventh  
12 grade year. Students and the students' parents or guardians shall  
13 also be notified of the requirements for award of the scholarship.

14 (3)(a) To be eligible for a Washington college bound scholarship,  
15 a student eligible under subsection (1)(a) of this section must sign  
16 a pledge during seventh or eighth grade that includes a commitment to  
17 graduate from high school with at least a C average and with no  
18 felony convictions. The pledge must be witnessed by a parent or  
19 guardian and forwarded to the office of student financial assistance  
20 by mail or electronically, as indicated on the pledge form.

21 (b)(i) Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, the office of  
22 student financial assistance shall make multiple attempts to secure  
23 the signature of the student's parent or guardian for the purpose of  
24 witnessing the pledge.

25 (ii) If the signature of the student's parent or guardian is not  
26 obtained, the office of student financial assistance may partner with  
27 the school counselor or administrator to secure the parent's or  
28 guardian's signature to witness the pledge. The school counselor or  
29 administrator shall make multiple attempts via all phone numbers,  
30 email addresses, and mailing addresses on record to secure the  
31 parent's or guardian's signature. All attempts to contact the parent  
32 or guardian must be documented and maintained in the student's  
33 official file.

34 (iii) If a parent's or guardian's signature is still not  
35 obtained, the school counselor or administrator shall indicate to the  
36 office of student financial assistance the nature of the unsuccessful  
37 efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian and the reasons  
38 the signature is not available. Then the school counselor or  
39 administrator may witness the pledge unless the parent or guardian

1 has indicated that he or she does not wish for the student to  
2 participate in the program.

3 (c) 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 office of student financial assistance by mail or electronically, as  
8 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 (e). A student  
19 who is eligible to receive the Washington college bound scholarship  
20 because the student is a resident student under RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e)  
21 must provide the institution, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012, an  
22 affidavit indicating that the individual will file an application to  
23 become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the  
24 individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any  
25 other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not  
26 limited to citizenship or civics review courses.

27 (ii) For eligible children as defined in subsection (1)(b) and  
28 (c) of this section, to receive the Washington college bound  
29 scholarship, a student must have received a high school equivalency  
30 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536 or have graduated with at  
31 least a "C" average from a public high school or an approved private  
32 high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW in Washington or have received  
33 home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony  
34 convictions, and must be a resident student as defined in RCW  
35 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e).

36 For a student who does not meet the "C" average requirement, and  
37 who completes fewer than two quarters in the running start program,  
38 under chapter 28A.600 RCW, the student's first quarter of running  
39 start course grades must be excluded from the student's overall grade

1 point average for purposes of determining their eligibility to  
2 receive the scholarship.

3 (5) A student's family income will be assessed upon graduation  
4 before awarding the scholarship.

5 (6) If at graduation from high school the student's family income  
6 does not exceed sixty-five percent of the state median family income,  
7 scholarship award amounts shall be as provided in this section.

8 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of  
9 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the value of the award  
10 shall be (i) the difference between the student's tuition and  
11 required fees, less the value of any state-funded grant, scholarship,  
12 or waiver assistance the student receives; (ii) plus five hundred  
13 dollars for books and materials.

14 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of  
15 higher education in Washington, the award amount shall be the  
16 representative average of awards granted to students in public  
17 research universities in Washington or the representative average of  
18 awards granted to students in public research universities in  
19 Washington in the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

20 (c) For students attending private vocational schools in  
21 Washington, the award amount shall be the representative average of  
22 awards granted to students in public community and technical colleges  
23 in Washington or the representative average of awards granted to  
24 students in public community and technical colleges in Washington in  
25 the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

26 (7) Recipients may receive no more than four full-time years'  
27 worth of scholarship awards.

28 (8) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all  
29 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would  
30 otherwise qualify. The Washington college bound scholarship is  
31 intended to replace unmet need, loans, and, at the student's option,  
32 work-study award before any other grants or scholarships are reduced.

33 (9) The first scholarships shall be awarded to students  
34 graduating in 2012.

35 (10) The state of Washington retains legal ownership of tuition  
36 units awarded as scholarships under this chapter until the tuition  
37 units are redeemed. These tuition units shall remain separately held  
38 from any tuition units owned under chapter 28B.95 RCW by a Washington  
39 college bound scholarship recipient.



1 (11) The scholarship award must be used within five years of  
2 receipt. Any unused scholarship tuition units revert to the  
3 Washington college bound scholarship account.

4 (12) Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any  
5 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the  
6 scholarship tuition units shall revert to the Washington college  
7 bound scholarship account.

8 **Sec. 27.** RCW 28B.118.090 and 2015 c 244 s 6 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Beginning January 1, 2015, and at a minimum every year  
11 thereafter, the student achievement council and all institutions of  
12 higher education eligible to participate in the college bound  
13 scholarship program shall ensure data needed to analyze and evaluate  
14 the effectiveness of the college bound scholarship program is  
15 promptly transmitted to the education data center created in RCW  
16 43.41.400 so that it is available and easily accessible. The data to  
17 be reported should include but not be limited to:

18 (a) The number of students who sign up for the college bound  
19 scholarship program in seventh or eighth grade;

20 (b) The number of college bound scholarship students who graduate  
21 from high school;

22 (c) The number of college bound scholarship students who enroll  
23 in postsecondary education;

24 (d) Persistence and completion rates of college bound scholarship  
25 recipients disaggregated by institutions of higher education;

26 (e) College bound scholarship recipient grade point averages;

27 (f) The number of college bound scholarship recipients who did  
28 not remain eligible and reasons for ineligibility;

29 (g) College bound scholarship program costs; and

30 (h) Impacts to the ((state need grant)) Washington college  
31 promise scholarship program.

32 (2) Beginning May 12, 2015, and at a minimum every December 1st  
33 thereafter, the student achievement council shall submit student unit  
34 record data for the college bound scholarship program applicants and  
35 recipients to the education data center.

36 **Sec. 28.** RCW 28B.133.010 and 2013 c 248 s 4 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

1 The educational assistance grant program for students with  
2 dependents is hereby created, subject to the availability of receipts  
3 of gifts, grants, or endowments from private sources. The program is  
4 created to serve financially needy students with dependents eighteen  
5 years of age or younger, by assisting them directly through a grant  
6 program to pursue a degree or certificate at public or private  
7 institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030(4) (a)  
8 and (b) (i) and (ii), that participate in the (~~state need grant~~)  
9 Washington college promise scholarship program.

10 **Sec. 29.** RCW 28B.133.020 and 2004 c 275 s 73 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 To be eligible for the educational assistance grant program for  
13 students with dependents, applicants shall: (1) Be residents of the  
14 state of Washington; (2) be needy students as defined in RCW  
15 28B.92.030(~~(3)~~); (3) be eligible to participate in the (~~state need~~  
16 ~~grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program as set forth  
17 under (~~RCW 28B.92.080~~) chapter 28B.92 RCW; and (4) have dependents  
18 eighteen years of age or younger who are under their care.

19 **Sec. 30.** RCW 28B.145.010 and 2018 c 254 s 9, 2018 c 209 s 6, and  
20 2018 c 114 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

21 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
22 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

23 (1) "Board" means the opportunity scholarship board.

24 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

25 (3) "Eligible advanced degree program" means a health  
26 professional degree program beyond the baccalaureate level and  
27 includes graduate and professional degree programs.

28 (4) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as "rural county" as  
29 defined in RCW 82.14.370 and also includes any county that shares a  
30 common border with Canada and has a population of over one hundred  
31 twenty-five thousand.

32 (5) "Eligible education programs" means high employer demand and  
33 other programs of study as determined by the board.

34 (6) "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated with  
35 the costs of acquiring an education such as tuition, books,  
36 equipment, fees, room and board, and other expenses as determined by  
37 the program administrator in consultation with the council and the  
38 state board for community and technical colleges.

1 (7) "Eligible school district" means a school district of the  
2 second class as identified in RCW 28A.300.065(2).

3 (8) "Eligible student" means a resident student who received his  
4 or her high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate as  
5 provided in RCW 28B.50.536 in Washington and who:

6 (a)(i) Has been accepted at a four-year institution of higher  
7 education into an eligible education program leading to a  
8 baccalaureate degree;

9 (ii) Will attend a two-year institution of higher education and  
10 intends to transfer to an eligible education program at a four-year  
11 institution of higher education;

12 (iii) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education  
13 into a professional-technical degree program in an eligible education  
14 program; ((~~or~~))

15 (iv) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into  
16 a professional-technical certificate program in an eligible education  
17 program; or

18 (v) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into  
19 an eligible advanced degree program and has agreed to the service  
20 obligation established by the board;

21 (b) Declares an intention to obtain a professional-technical  
22 certificate, professional-technical degree, ((~~or~~)) baccalaureate  
23 degree((~~or~~)), or an advanced degree; and

24 (c) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five  
25 percent of the state median family income at the time the student  
26 applies for an opportunity scholarship.

27 (9) "Gift aid" means financial aid received from the federal Pell  
28 grant, the ((~~state—need—grant~~)) Washington college promise  
29 scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW, the college bound  
30 scholarship program in chapter 28B.118 RCW, the opportunity grant  
31 program in chapter 28B.50 RCW, the opportunity scholarship program in  
32 this chapter, or any other state grant, scholarship, or worker  
33 retraining program that provides funds for educational purposes with  
34 no obligation of repayment. "Gift aid" does not include student  
35 loans, work-study programs, the basic food employment and training  
36 program administered by the department of social and health services,  
37 or other employment assistance programs that provide job readiness  
38 opportunities and support beyond the costs of tuition, books, and  
39 fees.

1 (10) "High employer demand program of study" has the same meaning  
2 as provided in RCW 28B.50.030.

3 (11) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
4 scholarship under the opportunity scholarship program.

5 (12) "Professional-technical certificate" means a program as  
6 approved by the state board for community and technical colleges  
7 under RCW 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of  
8 higher education.

9 (13) "Professional-technical degree" means a program as approved  
10 by the state board for community and technical colleges under RCW  
11 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of higher  
12 education.

13 (14) "Program administrator" means a private nonprofit  
14 corporation registered under Title 24 RCW and qualified as a tax-  
15 exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue  
16 code.

17 (15) "Resident student" has the same meaning as provided in RCW  
18 28B.15.012.

19 (16) "Rural jobs program" means the rural county high employer  
20 demand jobs program created in this chapter.

21 (17) "Service obligation" means an obligation by the participant  
22 to be employed in a service obligation area in the state for a  
23 specific period to be established by the board.

24 (18) "Service obligation area" means a location that meets one of  
25 the following conditions:

26 (a) Has been designated by the council as an eligible site under  
27 the health professional conditional scholarship program established  
28 under chapter 28B.115 RCW;

29 (b) Serves at least forty percent uninsured or medicaid enrolled  
30 patients;

31 (c) Is located in a rural county as defined in RCW 82.14.370 and  
32 serves a combination of uninsured, medicaid enrolled patients, and  
33 medicare enrolled patients, equal to at least forty percent of the  
34 practice location's total patients; or

35 (d) Serves a public agency, nonprofit organization, or local  
36 health jurisdiction as defined in RCW 43.70.575 by providing public  
37 health services necessary to preserve, protect, and promote the  
38 health of the state's population, as determined by the board after  
39 consultation with the department of health.

1           **Sec. 31.** RCW 28B.145.030 and 2018 c 209 s 8, 2018 c 204 s 2, and  
2 2018 c 114 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3           (1) The program administrator shall provide administrative  
4 support to execute the duties and responsibilities provided in this  
5 chapter, including but not limited to publicizing the program,  
6 selecting participants for the opportunity scholarship award,  
7 distributing opportunity scholarship awards, and achieving the  
8 maximum possible rate of return on investment of the accounts in  
9 subsection (2) of this section, while ensuring transparency in the  
10 investment decisions and processes. Duties, exercised jointly with  
11 the board, include soliciting funds and setting annual fund-raising  
12 goals. The program administrator shall be paid an administrative fee  
13 as determined by the board.

14           (2) With respect to the opportunity scholarship program, the  
15 program administrator shall:

16           (a) Establish and manage (~~three separate~~) the specified  
17 accounts created in (b) of this subsection, into which to receive  
18 grants and contributions from private sources as well as state  
19 matching funds, and from which to disburse scholarship funds to  
20 participants;

21           (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private  
22 sources, via direct payment, pledge agreement, or escrow account, of  
23 private sources for deposit into any of the (~~three~~) specified  
24 accounts created in this subsection (2)(b) upon the direction of the  
25 donor and in accordance with this subsection (2)(b):

26           (i) The "scholarship account," whose principal may be invaded,  
27 and from which scholarships must be disbursed for baccalaureate  
28 programs beginning no later than December 1, 2011, if, by that date,  
29 state matching funds in the amount of five million dollars or more  
30 have been received. Thereafter, scholarships shall be disbursed on an  
31 annual basis beginning no later than May 1, 2012, and every October  
32 1st thereafter;

33           (ii) The "student support pathways account," whose principal may  
34 be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for  
35 professional-technical certificate or degree programs in the fiscal  
36 year following appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter,  
37 scholarships shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

38           (iii) The "advanced degrees pathways account," whose principal  
39 may be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for  
40 eligible advanced degree programs in the fiscal year following

1 appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter, scholarships  
2 shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

3 (iv) The "endowment account," from which scholarship moneys may  
4 be disbursed for baccalaureate programs from earnings only in years  
5 when:

6 (A) The state match has been made into both the scholarship and  
7 the endowment account; and

8 (B) The state appropriations for the ~~((state need grant))~~  
9 Washington college promise scholarship under ~~((RCW 28B.92.010))~~  
10 chapter 28B.92 RCW meet or exceed state appropriations for the  
11 ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship made in  
12 the 2011-2013 biennium, adjusted for inflation, and eligibility for  
13 ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship  
14 recipients is at least seventy percent of state median family income;

15 (v) An amount equal to at least fifty percent of all grants and  
16 contributions must be deposited into the scholarship account until  
17 such time as twenty million dollars have been deposited into the  
18 scholarship account, after which time the private donors may  
19 designate whether their contributions must be deposited to the  
20 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the  
21 advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment account~~((s))~~. The  
22 board and the program administrator must work to maximize private  
23 sector contributions to ~~((the scholarship account, the student~~  
24 ~~support pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, and~~  
25 ~~the endowment account,))~~ these accounts to maintain a robust  
26 scholarship program while simultaneously building the endowment, and  
27 to determine the division between the ~~((scholarship, the student~~  
28 ~~support pathways, the advanced degrees pathways, and the endowment))~~  
29 accounts in the case of undesignated grants and contributions, taking  
30 into account the need for a long-term funding mechanism and the  
31 short-term needs of families and students in Washington. The first  
32 five million dollars in state match, as provided in RCW 28B.145.040,  
33 shall be deposited into the scholarship account and thereafter the  
34 state match shall be deposited into the ~~((three))~~ specified accounts  
35 created in this subsection (2)(b) in equal proportion to the private  
36 funds deposited in each account, except that no more than one million  
37 dollars in state match shall be deposited into the advanced degrees  
38 pathways account in a single fiscal biennium; and

39 (vi) Once moneys in the opportunity scholarship match transfer  
40 account are subject to an agreement under RCW 28B.145.050(5) and are

1 deposited in the scholarship account, the student support pathways  
2 account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment  
3 account under this section, the state acts in a fiduciary rather than  
4 ownership capacity with regard to those assets. Assets in the  
5 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the  
6 advanced degrees pathways account, and the endowment account are not  
7 considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the state;

8 (c) Provide proof of receipt of grants and contributions from  
9 private sources to the council, identifying the amounts received by  
10 name of private source and date, and whether the amounts received  
11 were deposited into the scholarship account, the student support  
12 pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the  
13 endowment account((s));

14 (d) In consultation with the council and the state board for  
15 community and technical colleges, make an assessment of the  
16 reasonable annual eligible expenses associated with eligible  
17 education programs and eligible advanced degree programs identified  
18 by the board;

19 (e) Determine the dollar difference between tuition fees charged  
20 by institutions of higher education in the 2008-09 academic year and  
21 the academic year for which an opportunity scholarship is being  
22 distributed;

23 (f) Develop and implement an application, selection, and  
24 notification process for awarding opportunity scholarships;

25 (g) Determine the annual amount of the opportunity scholarship  
26 for each selected participant. The annual amount shall be at least  
27 one thousand dollars or the amount determined under (e) of this  
28 subsection, but may be increased on an income-based, sliding scale  
29 basis up to the amount necessary to cover all reasonable annual  
30 eligible expenses as assessed pursuant to (d) of this subsection, or  
31 to encourage participation in professional-technical certificate  
32 programs, professional-technical degree programs, ((~~or~~))  
33 baccalaureate degree programs, or eligible advanced degree programs  
34 identified by the board;

35 (h) Distribute scholarship funds to selected participants. Once  
36 awarded, and to the extent funds are available for distribution, an  
37 opportunity scholarship shall be automatically renewed as long as the  
38 participant annually submits documentation of filing both a free  
39 application for federal student aid (FAFSA) and for available federal  
40 education tax credits including, but not limited to, the American

1 opportunity tax credit, or if ineligible to apply for federal student  
2 aid, the participant annually submits documentation of filing a state  
3 financial aid application as approved by the office of student  
4 financial assistance; and until the participant withdraws from or is  
5 no longer attending the program, completes the program, or has taken  
6 the credit or clock hour equivalent of one hundred twenty-five  
7 percent of the published length of time of the participant's program,  
8 whichever occurs first;

9 (i) Notify institutions of scholarship recipients who will attend  
10 their institutions and inform them of the terms of the students'  
11 eligibility;

12 (j) Establish a required service obligation for participants  
13 enrolled in an eligible advanced degree program, and establish a  
14 process for verifying a participant's employment in a service  
15 obligation area; and

16 (k) Establish a repayment obligation and appeals process for  
17 participants who serve less than the required service obligation,  
18 unless the program administrator determines the circumstances are  
19 beyond the participant's control. If the participant is unable to pay  
20 the repayment obligation in full, the participant may enter into  
21 payment arrangements with the program administrator. The program  
22 administrator is responsible for the collection of repayment  
23 obligations on behalf of participants who fail to complete their  
24 service obligation.

25 (3) With respect to the opportunity expansion program, the  
26 program administrator shall:

27 (a) Assist the board in developing and implementing an  
28 application, selection, and notification process for making  
29 opportunity expansion awards; and

30 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private  
31 sources for opportunity expansion awards.

32 **Sec. 32.** RCW 28C.18.166 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 242 are each  
33 amended to read as follows:

34 On an annual basis, each opportunity internship consortium shall  
35 provide the board with a list of the opportunity internship graduates  
36 from the consortium. The board shall compile the lists from all  
37 consortia and shall notify the office of student financial assistance  
38 of the eligibility of each graduate on the lists to receive a ((state  
39 need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship under chapter



1 28B.92 RCW if the graduate enrolls in a postsecondary program of  
2 study within one year of high school graduation.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
4 each repealed:

5 (1) RCW 28B.92.010 (State need grant program established—Purpose)  
6 and 2014 c 1 s 1, 2004 c 275 s 34, 1999 c 345 s 2, 1993 sp.s. c 18 s  
7 2, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 7;

8 (2) RCW 28B.92.020 (State need grant program—Findings—Intent)  
9 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 158, 2003 c 19 s 11, & 1999 c 345 s 1;

10 (3) RCW 28B.92.050 (Powers and duties of office) and 2011 1st  
11 sp.s. c 11 s 161, 1999 c 345 s 4, 1989 c 254 s 3, & 1969 ex.s. c 222  
12 s 11;

13 (4) RCW 28B.92.060 (State need grant awards) and 2012 c 229 s  
14 558;

15 (5) RCW 28B.92.080 (Eligibility for state need grant) and 2015 c  
16 121 s 1, 2012 c 229 s 605, 2009 c 238 s 9, 2007 c 404 s 1, 2004 c 275  
17 s 39, 1999 c 345 s 6, 1989 c 254 s 5, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 13;

18 (6) RCW 28B.92.082 (Enhanced need grants—Eligibility) and 2012 c  
19 229 s 560 & 2009 c 215 s 3;

20 (7) RCW 28B.92.084 (Eligibility of opportunity internship  
21 graduates) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 163 & 2009 c 238 s 8;

22 (8) RCW 28B.119.005 (Intent—Finding) and 2002 c 204 s 1;

23 (9) RCW 28B.119.010 (Program design—Parameters) and 2013 c 39 s  
24 12, 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 231, 2004 c 275 s 60, 2003 c 233 s 5, &  
25 2002 c 204 s 2;

26 (10) RCW 28B.119.020 (Implementation and administration) and 2011  
27 1st sp.s. c 11 s 232 & 2002 c 204 s 3;

28 (11) RCW 28B.119.030 (Funding for state need grant program not  
29 impaired) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 233, 2004 c 275 s 71, & 2002 c  
30 204 s 4;

31 (12) RCW 28B.119.040 (Requirements for students receiving home-  
32 based instruction not affected) and 2002 c 204 s 5;

33 (13) RCW 28B.119.050 (Washington promise scholarship account) and  
34 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 234 & 2002 c 204 s 6; and

35 (14) RCW 28B.119.900 (Effective date—2002 c 204) and 2002 c 204 s  
36 9.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 34.**    Sections 1 through 4 and 7 through 33 of  
2    this act take effect July 1, 2021.

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