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**State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Stearns and Fosse

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a Native American apprentice  
2 assistance program; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040,  
3 43.79A.040, and 43.79A.040; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW;  
4 creating a new section; providing effective dates; and providing  
5 expiration dates.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Native  
8 American people have faced historical traumas that have had a lasting  
9 impact in many facets of life, including educational attainment.  
10 Historically, education was used as a reformation tactic to strip  
11 away Native identity and culture to whitewash the indigenous  
12 population and destroy a nation's own first people by separating  
13 Native children from their families. The legislature acknowledges the  
14 historical use of education as a weapon and the opportunity to  
15 partner with federally recognized Indian tribes to establish truth  
16 and reconciliation regarding boarding school traumas in order to  
17 facilitate change and remove stigmas of how Native Americans view  
18 education.

19 Native Americans face additional challenges in attaining higher  
20 education, such as high rates of poverty and lack of postsecondary  
21 educational access near reservations. When the state invests in an

1 educated Native workforce, Native communities become more  
2 economically resilient, stronger, healthier, and empowered. Robust  
3 Native communities help make a more resilient and vigorous Washington  
4 state and contribute to alleviating workforce demand by tapping into  
5 historically underutilized talent. Therefore, the legislature intends  
6 to establish the Native American apprentice assistance program with  
7 the recognition that indigenous populations need additional  
8 assistance to pursue postsecondary education because of historical  
9 actions that have left lasting impacts.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
11 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires  
12 otherwise.

13 (1) "Eligible participant" means a member of a federally  
14 recognized Indian tribe located within the United States who files a  
15 financial aid application approved by the office and enrolls in a  
16 state-registered apprenticeship program.

17 (2) "Gift aid" has the same definition as in RCW 28B.145.010.

18 (3) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance  
19 within the student achievement council.

20 (4) "State-registered apprenticeship program" means an approved  
21 apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW that has been approved  
22 to participate in state financial aid programs.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts  
24 appropriated for this specific purpose, the Native American  
25 apprentice assistance program is established and shall be  
26 administered by the office. In administering the program, the office  
27 has the following duties:

28 (a) Publicize the program;

29 (b) Award assistance to eligible participants according to rules  
30 and guidelines adopted beginning with the year 2025; and

31 (c) Adopt any necessary rules and guidelines for the program in  
32 consultation with tribes and state-registered apprenticeship  
33 programs.

34 (2) The office shall determine apprenticeship assistance awarding  
35 priorities and award amounts for eligible participants in  
36 collaboration with the tribes and state-registered apprenticeship  
37 programs.

1 (a) For eligible participants attending a state-registered  
2 apprenticeship program, the office shall prioritize funding to cover  
3 any tuition costs for related supplemental instruction. Additional  
4 funding may be used to provide a grant to cover required supplies,  
5 tools, materials, work clothing, and living expenses.

6 (b) The office may also prioritize funding that secures an  
7 eligible participant's grant for the entire length of the  
8 participant's program.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The Native American apprentice assistance  
10 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All  
11 receipts for the Native American apprentice assistance program must  
12 be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the account may be  
13 used only for the Native American apprentice assistance program. Only  
14 the director of the office or the director's designee may authorize  
15 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to the  
16 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is  
17 not required for expenditures.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The office of student financial  
19 assistance shall submit annual reports to the governor and the  
20 appropriate committees of the legislature in accordance with RCW  
21 43.01.036 on the Native American apprentice assistance program by  
22 December 1st of each year until 2025. The report must include:

23 (a) The total number of eligible participants and the number of  
24 eligible participants who received an assistance grant;

25 (b) The amount that the office determined the assistance award to  
26 be;

27 (c) How the office determined what the assistance award should  
28 be; and

29 (d) How many members of federally recognized Indian tribes in  
30 Washington received assistance versus members of federally recognized  
31 Indian tribes from other states.

32 (2) This section expires December 31, 2025.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2023 c 389 s 8, 2023 c 387 s 2, 2023  
34 c 380 s 6, 2023 c 170 s 19, and 2023 c 12 s 2 are each reenacted and  
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,  
37 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with

1 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the  
2 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys  
3 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

4 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust  
5 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be  
6 known as the investment income account.

7 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment  
8 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds  
9 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and  
10 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state  
11 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to  
12 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to  
13 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of  
14 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

15 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings  
16 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund  
17 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

18 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their  
19 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's  
20 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the  
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27 Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program  
28 account, the community and technical college innovation account, the  
29 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment  
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31 behavioral health loan repayment program account, the Billy Frank Jr.  
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39 facility site evaluation council account, the fair fund, the family  
40 and medical leave insurance account, the fish and wildlife federal

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3 scholarship account, the forest health revolving account, the fruit  
4 and vegetable inspection account, the educator conditional  
5 scholarship account, the game farm alternative account, the GET ready  
6 for math and science scholarship account, the Washington global  
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9 industrial insurance rainy day fund, the juvenile accountability  
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12 income home rehabilitation account, the medication for people living  
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14 account, the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account,  
15 the pollution liability insurance program trust account, the produce  
16 railcar pool account, the public use general aviation airport loan  
17 revolving account, the regional transportation investment district  
18 account, the rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual  
19 assault kit account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the  
20 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund,  
21 the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission  
22 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the  
23 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the  
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30 retirees' insurance reserve fund, the school employees' benefits  
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33 term services and supports trust account, the radiation perpetual  
34 maintenance fund, the Indian health improvement reinvestment account,  
35 the department of licensing tuition recovery trust fund, the student  
36 achievement council tuition recovery trust fund, the tuition recovery  
37 trust fund, the industrial insurance premium refund account, the  
38 mobile home park relocation fund, the natural resources deposit fund,  
39 the Washington state health insurance pool account, the federal  
40 forest revolving account, and the library operations account.

1 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive 80 percent of  
2 their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or  
3 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advance right-of-way  
4 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving  
5 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high  
6 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,  
7 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

8 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
9 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the  
10 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the  
11 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the  
12 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share  
13 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance  
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15 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
16 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings  
17 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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26 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) Section 6 of this act expires July 1,  
28 2024.

29 (2) Section 7 of this act expires July 1, 2030.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) Section 7 of this act takes effect  
31 July 1, 2024.

32 (2) Section 8 of this act takes effect July 1, 2030.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act  
34 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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