
SENATE BILL 5393

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By Senators Palumbo, Rolfes, Frockt, McCoy, Wellman, and Lias; 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.92.050, 28B.92.065, 28B.15.065,
5 28B.15.740, 28B.15.760, 28B.15.762, 28B.15.820, 28B.116.010,
6 28A.180.120, 28B.76.502, 28B.76.525, 28B.76.526, 28B.76.540,
7 28B.76.699, 28B.77.020, 28B.117.020, 28B.118.090, 28B.133.010,
8 28B.133.020, and 28C.18.166; reenacting and amending RCW 28B.108.010,
9 28B.118.010, 28B.145.010, and 28B.145.030; adding new sections to
10 chapter 28B.92 RCW; repealing RCW 28B.92.010, 28B.92.020, 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) Students who demonstrate financial need under section 3 of
2 this act and meet the following requirements are eligible for the
3 Washington college promise scholarship program:

4 (a) To be eligible for the Washington college promise
5 scholarship, students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment for
6 at least three quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits at
7 an institution of higher education in Washington as defined in
8 RCW 28B.92.030 or enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program
9 approved under chapter 40.04 RCW.

10 (b) The Washington college promise scholarship is available to:

11 (i) Students who are resident students as defined in
12 RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e); or

13 (ii) Any person who has:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (9) Should a recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any
38 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the
39 scholarship shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by
40 the institution of higher education according to the institution of

1 higher education's policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in
2 RCW 28B.92.070.

3 (10)(a) A part-time student enrolled in three to six credit-
4 bearing quarter credits, or the equivalent semester credits, is
5 eligible for a Washington college promise scholarship.

6 (b) A part-time precollege student who is enrolled in three to
7 six credit-bearing quarter credits, or the equivalent semester
8 credits, may receive a Washington college promise scholarship for up
9 to one academic year before beginning a program that leads to a
10 degree or certificate.

11 (c) An institution of higher education may award a Washington
12 college promise scholarship to an eligible student enrolled in three
13 to six credit-bearing quarter credits, or the semester equivalent, on
14 a provisional basis if:

15 (i) The student has not previously received a Washington college
16 promise scholarship from that institution;

17 (ii) The student completes the required financial aid application
18 approved by the office;

19 (iii) The institution has reviewed the student's financial
20 condition, and the financial condition of the student's family if the
21 student is a dependent student, and has determined that the student
22 is likely eligible for a Washington college promise scholarship; and

23 (iv) The student has signed a document attesting to the fact that
24 the financial information provided on the financial aid application
25 and any additional financial information provided directly to the
26 institution is accurate and complete, and that the student agrees to
27 repay the institution for the grant amount if the student submitted
28 false or incomplete information.

29 (d) An eligible student enrolled on a part-time basis shall
30 receive a prorated portion of the Washington college promise
31 scholarship for any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on
32 a part-time basis.

33 (11) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all
34 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would
35 otherwise qualify. The Washington college promise scholarship is
36 intended to replace unmet financial need associated with the costs of
37 postsecondary education including loans, and, at the student's
38 option, work-study award, before any other grants or scholarships are
39 reduced.

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

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

6 (1) In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in
7 this chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to
8 receive the Washington college promise scholarship. For the purposes
9 of this act, students who demonstrate financial need are students
10 with family incomes at or below seventy percent of the state median
11 family income, adjusted for family size.

12 (2) Students with family incomes between zero and fifty percent
13 of the state median family income shall receive the maximum
14 Washington college promise scholarship award as defined in RCW
15 28B.92.030. Awards for students with incomes between fifty-one and
16 seventy percent of the state median family income shall be prorated
17 at the following percentages of the maximum Washington college
18 promise scholarship award amount granted to those with incomes below
19 fifty-one percent of the state median family income:

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

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

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

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

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

30 As used in this chapter:

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

32 (2) (~~"Disadvantaged student" means a posthigh school student who~~
33 ~~by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,~~
34 ~~experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify~~
35 ~~for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution of higher~~
36 ~~education, who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is~~
37 ~~attending an institution of higher education under an established~~

1 ~~program designed to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time~~
2 ~~student.~~

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

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

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

9 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
10 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any
11 political subdivision thereof; or

12 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
13 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
14 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
15 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that
16 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW
17 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility
18 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an
19 institution operating in another state must be:

20 (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such
21 accrediting association;

22 (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting
23 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this
24 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
25 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
26 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty
27 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual
28 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;
29 ~~((or))~~

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

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

33 (5) ~~("Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an~~
34 ~~institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the~~
35 ~~financial inability, either through the student's parents, family~~
36 ~~and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and~~
37 ~~tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy~~
38 ~~student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by~~
39 ~~RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as~~

1 ~~defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high school~~
2 ~~graduation.)~~) "Maximum Washington college promise scholarship award":

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

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

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

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

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

22 (7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to
23 complete a college program because of family or employment
24 commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar
25 factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced
26 student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an
27 eligible institution.

28 **PART II**

29 **CASELOAD FORECAST**

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

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

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

1 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
2 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
3 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of
4 the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
5 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from
6 among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other
7 officers as the members deem necessary.

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

11 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of
12 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
13 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
14 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
15 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
16 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
17 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes
18 of this section.

19 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation
20 of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
21 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
22 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
23 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
24 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved
25 by the council.

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

30 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
31 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
32 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the
33 council or on official business authorized by the council.
34 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel
35 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

37 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement
38 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,
39 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
40 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common

1 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
2 adoption support;

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

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

10 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW
11 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually
12 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

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

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

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

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

26 PART III

27 UPDATING REFERENCES

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

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

34 (1) They qualify as a ("needy—student") student who
35 demonstrates financial need as defined under RCW 28B.92.030(~~(4)~~);
36 and

37 (2) The institution attended is a member institution of an
38 accrediting association recognized by rule of the student achievement

1 council for the purposes of this section and is specifically
2 encompassed within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement
3 and agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations
4 pertaining to such students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW
5 28B.92.150.

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

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

12 (1) (~~The term "needy student" shall mean a student enrolled or~~
13 ~~accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary institution who, according~~
14 ~~to a system of need analysis approved by the office of student~~
15 ~~financial assistance, demonstrates a financial inability, either~~
16 ~~parental, familial, or personal, to bear the total cost of education~~
17 ~~for any semester or quarter.~~

18 (~~2) The term~~) "Eligible institution" (~~shall~~) means any
19 postsecondary institution in this state accredited by the Northwest
20 Association of Schools and Colleges, or a campus of a member
21 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the
22 student achievement council for purposes of this section, that is
23 eligible for federal student financial aid assistance and has
24 operated as a nonprofit college or university delivering on-site
25 classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty consecutive years
26 within the state of Washington, or any public technical college in
27 the state.

28 (2) "Student who demonstrates financial need" means a student
29 enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary institution
30 who, according to a system of need analysis approved by the office of
31 student financial assistance, demonstrates a financial inability to
32 bear the total cost of education for any semester or quarter.

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

35 The office shall be cognizant of the following guidelines in the
36 performance of its duties:

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.92.050 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 161 are each
28 amended to read as follows:

29 The office shall have the following powers and duties:

30 (1) Conduct a full analysis of student financial aid as a means
31 of:

32 (a) Fulfilling educational aspirations of students of the state
33 of Washington, and

34 (b) Improving the general, social, cultural, and economic
35 character of the state.

36 Such an analysis will be a continuous one and will yield current
37 information relevant to needed improvements in the state program of
38 student financial aid. The office will disseminate the information
39 yielded by their analyses to all appropriate individuals and agents.

1 (2) Design a state program of student financial aid based on the
2 data of the study referred to in this section. The state programs
3 will supplement available federal and local aid programs. The state
4 programs of student financial aid will not exceed the difference
5 between the budgetary costs of attending an institution of higher
6 education and the student's total resources, including family
7 support, personal savings, employment, and federal, state, and local
8 aid programs.

9 (3) Determine and establish criteria for financial need of the
10 individual applicant based upon the consideration of that particular
11 applicant. In making this determination the office shall consider the
12 following:

13 (a) Assets and income of the student.

14 (b) Assets and income of the parents, or the individuals legally
15 responsible for the care and maintenance of the student.

16 (c) The cost of attending the institution the student is
17 attending or planning to attend.

18 (d) Any other criteria deemed relevant to the office.

19 (4) Set the amount of financial aid to be awarded to any
20 individual (~~needy or disadvantaged~~) student who demonstrates
21 financial need in any school year.

22 (5) Award financial aid to (~~needy or disadvantaged~~) students
23 who demonstrate financial need for a school year based upon only that
24 amount necessary to fill the financial gap between the budgetary cost
25 of attending an institution of higher education and the family and
26 student contribution.

27 (6) Review the need and eligibility of all applications on an
28 annual basis and adjust financial aid to reflect changes in the
29 financial need of the recipients and the cost of attending the
30 institution of higher education.

31 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.92.065 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 4 are each
32 amended to read as follows:

33 Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each
34 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from
35 section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. will allow the
36 legislature to reduce (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise
37 scholarship program appropriations by an equal amount from the
38 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts. The legislature does not intend to

1 reduce award levels for private colleges and universities below the
2 2014-15 academic year levels.

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

6 **Sec. 12.** RCW 28B.15.065 and 1977 ex.s. c 322 s 6 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

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

20 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.15.740 and 2015 c 55 s 223 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
23 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
24 Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may
25 waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for ~~((needy))~~ students who
26 demonstrate financial need and are eligible for resident tuition and
27 fee rates pursuant to RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013. Subject to the
28 limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state
29 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,
30 and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion
31 of tuition and fees for other students at the discretion of the
32 governing boards, except on the basis of participation in
33 intercollegiate athletic programs, not to exceed three-fourths of one
34 percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue under RCW
35 28B.15.910 for the community and technical colleges considered as a
36 whole and not to exceed two percent of gross authorized operating
37 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. 14.** 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. 15.** 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. 16.** 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. 17.** 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. 18.** 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. 19.** 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. 20.** 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. 21.** 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. 22.** 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 scholarship),
24 and chapter (~~(43.215)~~) 43.216 RCW (early childhood education and
25 assistance program).

26 **Sec. 23.** 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 RCW
7 (gaining independence for students with dependents).

8 **Sec. 24.** 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. 25.** 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. 26.** 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. 27.** 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. 28.** 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. 29.** 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. 30.** 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. 31.** 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. 32.** 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, ((~~o~~))
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. 33.** 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. 34.** 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.92.060 (State need grant awards) and 2012 c 229 s
11 558;

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

15 (5) RCW 28B.92.082 (Enhanced need grants—Eligibility) and 2012 c
16 229 s 560 & 2009 c 215 s 3;

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

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

20 (8) RCW 28B.119.010 (Program design—Parameters) and 2013 c 39 s
21 12, 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 231, 2004 c 275 s 60, 2003 c 233 s 5, &
22 2002 c 204 s 2;

23 (9) RCW 28B.119.020 (Implementation and administration) and 2011
24 1st sp.s. c 11 s 232 & 2002 c 204 s 3;

25 (10) RCW 28B.119.030 (Funding for state need grant program not
26 impaired) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 233, 2004 c 275 s 71, & 2002 c
27 204 s 4;

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

30 (12) RCW 28B.119.050 (Washington promise scholarship account) and
31 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 234 & 2002 c 204 s 6; and

32 (13) RCW 28B.119.900 (Effective date—2002 c 204) and 2002 c 204 s
33 9.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** Sections 1 through 4 and 7 through 34 of
35 this act take effect July 1, 2021.

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