
SENATE BILL 5522

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By Senators Lias and Nobles

1 AN ACT Relating to adding a stipend to the Washington college
2 grant program; amending RCW 28B.92.030; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.92 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2022 c 166 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Book and material stipend" means an annual stipend for the
10 purchase of textbooks, tools, equipment, and materials required for
11 participation in instructional programs, including apprenticeship
12 programs.

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

14 ~~((2))~~ (3) "Financial aid" means either loans, grants, or both,
15 to students who demonstrate financial need enrolled or accepted for
16 enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

17 ~~((3))~~ (4) "Financial need" means a demonstrated financial
18 inability to bear the total cost of education as directed in rule by
19 the office.

20 ~~((4))~~ (5) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education"
21 means:

1 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
2 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any
3 political subdivision thereof; or

4 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
5 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
6 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
7 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that
8 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW
9 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility
10 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an
11 institution operating in another state must be:

12 (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such
13 accrediting association;

14 (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting
15 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this
16 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
17 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
18 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of (~~twenty~~)
19 20 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an
20 annual enrollment of at least (~~seven hundred~~) 700 full-time
21 equivalent students;

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

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

25 (~~(+5)~~) (6) "Maximum Washington college grant":

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

31 (b) For students attending private four-year not-for-profit
32 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
33 academic year, is (~~nine thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars~~)
34 \$9,739 and may increase each year afterwards by no more than the
35 tuition growth factor.

36 (c) For students attending two-year private not-for-profit
37 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
38 academic year, is (~~three thousand six hundred ninety-four dollars~~)
39 \$3,694 and may increase each year afterwards by no more than the
40 tuition growth factor.

1 (d) For students attending four-year private for-profit
2 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
3 academic year, is (~~eight thousand five hundred seventeen dollars~~)
4 \$8,517 and may increase each year afterwards by no more than the
5 tuition growth factor.

6 (e) For students attending two-year private for-profit
7 institutions of higher education in Washington, in the 2019-20
8 academic year, is (~~two thousand eight hundred twenty-three dollars~~)
9 \$2,823 and may increase each year afterwards by no more than the
10 tuition growth factor.

11 (f) For students attending Western Governors University-
12 Washington, as established in RCW 28B.77.240, in the 2019-20 academic
13 year, is (~~five thousand six hundred nineteen dollars~~) \$5,619 and
14 may increase each year afterwards by no more than the tuition growth
15 factor.

16 (g) For students attending approved apprenticeship programs,
17 beginning in the 2022-23 academic year, is the same amount as the
18 maximum Washington college grant for students attending two-year
19 institutions of higher education as defined in (a) of this subsection
20 to be used for tuition and fees, program supplies and equipment, and
21 other costs that facilitate educational endeavors.

22 (~~(6)~~) (7) "Office" means the office of student financial
23 assistance.

24 (~~(7)~~) (8) "Tuition growth factor" means an increase of no more
25 than the average annual percentage growth rate of the median hourly
26 wage for Washington for the previous (~~fourteen~~) 14 years as the
27 wage is determined by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

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

30 (1) As part of the Washington college grant program, all
31 Washington college grant recipients who qualify for the maximum
32 Washington college grant are eligible to receive a book and material
33 stipend.

34 (2) The office shall award book and material stipends to eligible
35 students beginning with the 2023-24 academic year.

1 (3) Beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, the book and material
2 stipend may be up to \$1,200, adjusted annually for inflation as
3 measured by the consumer price index.

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