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1 AN ACT Relating to scholarships for child care workers; adding a  
2 new chapter to Title 28B RCW; creating a new section; and making an  
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature notes that a change in  
6 the societal norms for raising children has resulted in an increasing  
7 use of day care services. Consequently, day care is steadily becoming  
8 more complicated as providers must be expert in a number of areas such  
9 as child development, education readiness, emotional problem solving,  
10 exercise and athletic readiness, and leisure time activities. The  
11 legislature finds that encouraging day care providers to seek training  
12 and education to function in this demanding job is of paramount  
13 interest to the state of Washington. By creating the child care  
14 providers conditional scholarship program, the legislature intends to  
15 assist in the development of child care specialists who will contribute

1 significantly to the emotional and physical development, and well-being  
2 of children. The legislature encourages business, industry, and  
3 philanthropic community organizations to join with state government in  
4 making this program successful.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
6 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
7 chapter.

8 (1) "Child care worker or provider" or "day care worker or  
9 provider" means a person who is employed for twenty or more hours a  
10 week in a state-licensed day care facility, private school, or  
11 kindergarten to supervise the growth and development of children in his  
12 or her care.

13 (2) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
14 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a child care  
15 provider in a state-licensed day care center or public education system  
16 day care facility of the state.

17 (3) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at  
18 least ten credit hours or the equivalent, maintains a grade point  
19 average of 2.5 or the equivalent for each academic year while in the  
20 program, is a resident as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015,  
21 and has declared an intention to complete an approved preparation  
22 program leading to an associate of arts degree in child care or a  
23 bachelor of arts degree in child development or early childhood  
24 education.

25 (4) "Forgiven," "to forgive," or "forgiveness" means to render  
26 service as a child care provider in the state of Washington in lieu of  
27 monetary repayment.

28 (5) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
29 college or university in the state of Washington that is accredited by

1 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher  
2 education coordinating board, or a community college established under  
3 chapter 28B.50 RCW.

4 (6) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
5 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

6 (7) "Satisfied" means paid in full.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The child care providers conditional  
8 scholarship program is established. The program is administered by the  
9 higher education coordinating board. The child care coordinating  
10 committee of the department of social and health services is an advisor  
11 to the higher education coordinating board. In administering the  
12 program, the board has the following powers and duties:

13 (1) Select students to receive conditional scholarships, with the  
14 assistance of a screening committee composed of child care providers  
15 and members of the child care coordinating committee of the department  
16 of social and health services;

17 (2) Adopt necessary rules and guidelines;

18 (3) Publicize the program;

19 (4) Collect and manage repayments from students who do not meet  
20 their child care service obligations under this chapter; and

21 (5) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public and private  
22 sources for the program.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The higher education coordinating board  
24 shall establish a planning committee to develop criteria for the  
25 screening and selection of recipients of the conditional scholarships.  
26 These criteria shall emphasize factors demonstrating excellence  
27 including but not limited to the ability to contribute significantly to  
28 the emotional and physical development, and well-being of children,

1 scholastic achievement, community contributions, and an ability to act  
2 as a role model for children. These criteria also may include, for  
3 approximately half of the recipients, requirements that those  
4 recipients meet the definition of "needy student" under RCW 28B.10.802.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The board may waive grade point  
6 requirements for an otherwise eligible individual student under special  
7 circumstances.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The board may award conditional  
9 scholarships to eligible students from the funds appropriated to the  
10 board for this purpose, or from private donations, or other funds given  
11 to the board for this program. The amount of the conditional  
12 scholarship awarded an individual shall not exceed three thousand  
13 dollars per academic year. Students are eligible to receive  
14 conditional scholarships for a maximum of five years.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) Participants in the conditional  
16 scholarship program incur an obligation to repay the conditional  
17 scholarship, with interest, unless they render child care service two  
18 years for every one year of scholarship received, in a state-licensed  
19 day care facility, private school, or kindergarten in the state of  
20 Washington, under rules adopted by the board.

21 (2) The terms of the repayment, including deferral of the interest,  
22 are consistent with the terms of the federal guaranteed loan program.

23 (3) The period for repayment is ten years, with payments accruing  
24 quarterly commencing nine months from the date the participant  
25 completes or discontinues the course of study.

26 (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment is forgiven  
27 for each payment period in which the participant renders child care

1 service in a state-licensed day care facility, private school, or  
2 kindergarten in the state of Washington until the entire repayment  
3 obligation is satisfied or the borrower ceases to render child care  
4 service in this state. Should the participant cease to render child  
5 care service in this state before the participant's repayment  
6 obligation is completed, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the  
7 principal and interest shall begin the next payment period and continue  
8 until the remainder of the participant's repayment obligation is  
9 satisfied.

10 (5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made  
11 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in the collection,  
12 maintaining all necessary records to ensure that maximum repayments are  
13 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section are  
14 pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment if  
15 necessary, and are performed by entities approved for servicing by the  
16 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.  
17 The board is responsible for forgiving all or part of repayments under  
18 the criteria established in this section and shall maintain all  
19 necessary records of forgiven payments.

20 (6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or other  
21 subsidies that the board as administrator is entitled, that are paid by  
22 or on behalf of participants under this section, are deposited with the  
23 higher education coordinating board and are used to cover the costs of  
24 granting the conditional scholarships, maintaining necessary records,  
25 and making collections under subsection (5) of this section. The board  
26 shall maintain accurate records of these costs, and all receipts beyond  
27 those necessary to pay costs are used to grant conditional scholarships  
28 to eligible students.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**        After consulting with the higher  
2 education coordinating board, the governor may transfer the  
3 administration of this program to another agency with an appropriate  
4 educational mission.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**        The higher education coordinating board  
6 shall grant conditional scholarships from the 1992-93 school year to  
7 the completion of the 1997-98 school year. No conditional scholarships  
8 shall be granted after June 30, 1998, until the program is reviewed by  
9 the legislative budget committee and is reenacted by the legislature.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**       The sum of one hundred thousand dollars,  
11 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the  
12 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the higher  
13 education coordinating board for the purposes of the child care  
14 providers conditional scholarship program.

15       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**       If federal matching funds for the  
16 purposes of sections 2 through 10 of this act are not provided by  
17 September 30, 1991, the appropriation in section 10 of this act shall  
18 lapse.

19       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**       Sections 2 through 9 of this act shall  
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.