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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the pool of qualified teachers;
2 amending RCW 28B.102.040 and 28B.102.050; reenacting and amending RCW
3 28A.660.050; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that encouraging
6 outstanding students to enter the teaching profession is of paramount
7 importance to the state of Washington. It is incumbent on policy
8 leaders to employ bold strategies to attract sufficient qualified
9 persons into teaching, to alter the environment of schools, and to
10 create the schools that would prepare Washington's students for the
11 economic and social conditions the state will face in the twenty-first
12 century. The legislature therefore intends to expand the future
13 teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program and the
14 alternative routes to certification program to assist in the effort to
15 recruit our most talented students into the teaching profession.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.102.040 and 2008 c 170 s 306 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The board may select participants based on an application

1 process conducted by the board or the board may utilize selection
2 processes for similar students in cooperation with the professional
3 educator standards board or the office of the superintendent of public
4 instruction.

5 (2) If the board selects participants for the program, it shall
6 establish a selection committee for screening and selecting recipients
7 of the conditional scholarships. The criteria shall emphasize factors
8 demonstrating excellence including but not limited to superior
9 scholastic achievement, leadership ability, community contributions,
10 bilingual ability, willingness to commit to providing teaching service
11 in shortage areas, and an ability to act as a role model for students.
12 Priority will be given to individuals seeking certification or an
13 additional endorsement in math, including any specialty endorsements in
14 math approved by the professional educator standards board, science,
15 technology education, agricultural education, business and marketing
16 education, family and consumer science education, or special education.
17 Priority shall also be given to individuals with the experiences,
18 skills, knowledge, commitment, and background that will make them
19 uniquely qualified to help schools succeed in addressing the
20 achievement gap.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.102.050 and 2004 c 58 s 6 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (1)(a) The board may award conditional scholarships (~~((or))~~) and
24 provide loan repayments to eligible participants from the funds
25 appropriated to the board for (~~((this))~~) each purpose, or from any
26 private donations, or any other funds given to the board for this
27 program.

28 (b) The amount of the conditional scholarship (~~((or loan repayment))~~)
29 awarded an individual shall not exceed the amount of tuition and fees
30 at the institution of higher education attended by the participant or
31 resident undergraduate tuition and fees at the University of Washington
32 per academic year for a full-time student, whichever is lower.
33 Participants are eligible to receive conditional scholarships or loan
34 repayments for a maximum of (~~((five))~~) two years.

35 (c) Beginning in the 2012-13 academic year, the board may provide
36 loan repayments in addition to the conditional scholarship. The amount
37 of the loan repayment provided an individual shall not exceed the cost

1 of attendance, minus the award amount of the conditional scholarship,
2 up to fifteen thousand dollars per academic year. The board shall
3 assume monthly federal student loan repayment over a period of ten
4 years.

5 (2) Beginning in the 2012-13 academic year, in the event that
6 insufficient funds are available to award conditional scholarships, the
7 board may provide loan repayment. The board shall assume monthly
8 federal student loan repayment, over a period of ten years, after
9 degree completion and the completion of required teaching service. The
10 amount of the loan repayment provided an individual shall not exceed
11 cost of attendance, including the amount of tuition and fees at the
12 institution of higher education attended by the participant, or
13 resident undergraduate tuition and fees at the University of Washington
14 per academic year for a full-time student, whichever is lower. The
15 maximum loan repayment provided an individual shall not exceed fifteen
16 thousand dollars per academic year.

17 (3) Conditional scholarships or loan repayments may be awarded in
18 addition to other student financial assistance awards including the
19 alternative routes to teacher certification conditional scholarship
20 program under RCW 28A.660.050.

21 (4) Conditional scholarships may be used for any educational
22 expense including room and board, transportation, books and supplies,
23 and miscellaneous personal expenses.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.660.050 and 2009 c 539 s 3 and 2009 c 192 s 2 are
25 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

26 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for these
27 purposes, the conditional scholarship programs in this chapter are
28 created under the following guidelines:

29 (1) The programs shall be administered by the higher education
30 coordinating board. In administering the programs, the higher
31 education coordinating board has the following powers and duties:

32 (a) To adopt necessary rules and develop guidelines to administer
33 the programs;

34 (b) To collect and manage repayments from participants who do not
35 meet their service obligations; and

36 (c) To accept grants and donations from public and private sources
37 for the programs.

1 (2) Requirements for participation in the conditional scholarship
2 programs are as provided in this subsection (2).

3 (a) The alternative route conditional scholarship program is
4 limited to interns of the partnership grant programs under RCW
5 28A.660.040. In order to receive conditional scholarship awards,
6 recipients shall:

7 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment in alternative
8 certification routes through the partnership grant program;

9 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of
10 the alternative route certification program and receipt of a residency
11 teaching certificate; and

12 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,
13 not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees,
14 and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation
15 for the alternative route certification program in which the recipient
16 is enrolled. The board may adjust the annual award by the average rate
17 of resident undergraduate tuition and fee increases at the state
18 universities as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

19 (b) The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship program
20 is limited to qualified paraeducators as provided by RCW 28A.660.042.
21 In order to receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:

22 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment at a community and
23 technical college for no more than two years and attain an associate of
24 arts degree;

25 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of an
26 associate of arts degree. This progress requirement is a condition for
27 eligibility into a route one program of the alternative routes to
28 teacher certification program for a mathematics, special education, or
29 English as a second language endorsement; and

30 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,
31 not to exceed four thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees, and
32 educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation for
33 the alternative route certification program in which the recipient is
34 enrolled. The board may adjust the annual award by the average rate of
35 tuition and fee increases at the state community and technical
36 colleges.

37 (c) The retooling to teach mathematics and science conditional
38 scholarship program is limited to current K-12 teachers and individuals

1 having an elementary education certificate but who are not employed in
2 positions requiring an elementary education certificate as provided by
3 RCW 28A.660.045. In order to receive conditional scholarship awards:

4 (i) Individuals currently employed as teachers shall pursue a
5 middle level mathematics or science, or secondary mathematics or
6 science endorsement; or

7 (ii) Individuals who are certificated with an elementary education
8 endorsement, but not employed in positions requiring an elementary
9 education certificate, shall pursue an endorsement in middle level
10 mathematics or science, or both; and

11 (iii) Individuals shall use one of the pathways to endorsement
12 processes to receive a mathematics or science endorsement, or both,
13 which shall include passing a mathematics or science endorsement test,
14 or both tests, plus observation and completing applicable coursework to
15 attain the proper endorsement; and

16 (iv) Individuals shall receive no more than the annual amount of
17 the scholarship, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for the cost of
18 tuition, test fees, and educational expenses, including books,
19 supplies, and transportation for the endorsement pathway being pursued.

20 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
21 select individuals to receive conditional scholarships and loan
22 repayments. In selecting recipients, preference shall be given to
23 eligible veterans or national guard members. Priority consideration
24 shall also be given to those individuals seeking endorsements,
25 including specialty endorsements, in mathematics and to individuals
26 with the experiences, skills, knowledge, commitment, and background
27 that will make them uniquely qualified to help schools succeed in
28 addressing the achievement gap.

29 (4) For the purpose of this chapter, a conditional scholarship is
30 a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part in exchange for service as
31 a certificated teacher employed in a Washington state K-12 public
32 school. The state shall forgive one year of loan obligation for every
33 two years a recipient teaches in a public school. Recipients who fail
34 to continue a course of study leading to residency teacher
35 certification or cease to teach in a public school in the state of
36 Washington in their endorsement area are required to repay the
37 remaining loan principal with interest.

1 (5) Recipients who fail to fulfill the required teaching obligation
2 are required to repay the remaining loan principal with interest and
3 any other applicable fees. The higher education coordinating board
4 shall adopt rules to define the terms for repayment, including
5 applicable interest rates, fees, and deferments.

6 (6) The higher education coordinating board may deposit all
7 appropriations, collections, and any other funds received for the
8 program in this chapter in the future teachers conditional scholarship
9 account authorized in RCW 28B.102.080.

10 (7) Beginning in the 2012-13 academic year, in the event that
11 insufficient funds are available to award alternate route conditional
12 scholarships to interns of the partnership grant programs under RCW
13 28A.660.040, the higher education coordinating board may provide loan
14 repayment. The board shall assume monthly federal student loan
15 repayment, over a period of ten years, after degree completion and the
16 completion of required teaching service. The amount of the loan
17 repayment provided an individual shall not exceed cost of attendance at
18 the institution of higher education attended by the participant or
19 resident undergraduate tuition and fees at the University of Washington
20 per academic year for a full-time student, whichever is lower. The
21 maximum loan repayment provided an individual shall not exceed fifteen
22 thousand dollars per academic year.

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