
SENATE BILL 6074

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By Senator Gaspard

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence in education
2 program; amending RCW 28A.625.060 and 28A.625.065; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 28A.625.041; adding a new section to chapter 28A.625 RCW;
4 adding a new section to chapter 28B.80 RCW; providing an effective
5 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.041 and 1992 c 83 s 1 and 1992 c 50 s 1 are
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in
10 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the
11 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated
12 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate
13 locations.

14 (2) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
15 section, awards for teachers, classified employees, and principals or
16 administrators shall include one of the following:

17 (a) Except as provided under RCW 28B.80.255, an academic grant
18 which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of higher
19 education. The academic grant shall provide reimbursement to the

1 recipient for actual costs incurred for tuition and fees for up to
2 forty-five quarter credit hours or thirty semester credit hours at a
3 rate of reimbursement per credit hour not to exceed the resident
4 graduate, part-time cost per credit hour at the University of
5 Washington in the year the recipient takes the credits. In addition,
6 a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars shall be provided for
7 costs incurred in taking courses covered by the academic grant
8 beginning with 1992 recipients, if funds are appropriated for the
9 stipends in the omnibus appropriations act. This stipend shall be
10 provided as reimbursement for actual costs incurred. The academic
11 grant shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW
12 28A.400.200; or

13 (b) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
14 recognition stipend shall not be considered compensation for the
15 purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

16 (c) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
17 educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not
18 be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

19 (3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
20 section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the
21 following:

22 (a) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
23 recognition stipend shall not be considered compensation for the
24 purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

25 (b) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
26 educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not
27 be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

28 (4) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
29 section, the award for the school board shall include an educational
30 grant not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The educational
31 grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060.

32 (5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for
33 excellence in education, teachers, classified employees, principals or
34 administrators, and the school district superintendent shall notify the
35 superintendent of public instruction in writing of their decision to
36 apply for an academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational
37 grant as provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The
38 superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of
39 those recipients who select the academic grant.

1 (6) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of
2 the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the
3 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

4 (7) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.625.060 and 1992 c 50 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Teachers, classified employees, principals or administrators,
8 and superintendents who have received an award for excellence in
9 education and choose to apply for an educational grant under RCW
10 28A.625.041 shall be awarded the grant by the superintendent of public
11 instruction as long as a written grant application is submitted to the
12 superintendent within one year after the award was received. The grant
13 application shall identify the educational purpose toward which the
14 grant shall be used.

15 (2) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of
16 the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the
17 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

18 (3) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.625.065 and 1992 c 83 s 2 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under RCW
22 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be completed within four years after the
23 academic grant is received.

24 (2) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of
25 the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the
26 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

27 (3) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in
31 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the
32 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated
33 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate
34 locations.

35 (2) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this
36 section, the award for teachers, classified employees, and principals

1 or administrators shall include a recognition award in an amount
2 determined in the state operating appropriations act but not less than
3 two thousand five hundred dollars. The recognition award shall not be
4 considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

5 (3) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this
6 section, the award for the superintendent shall include a recognition
7 award not to exceed one thousand dollars. The recognition award shall
8 not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

9 (4) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this
10 section, the award for the school board shall include a recognition
11 award not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The school
12 board must use its recognition award for an educational purpose.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules
16 establishing procedures for recipients of the Washington award for
17 excellence in education academic grant to convert the remaining value
18 of their grant into a recognition award as provided under section 4 of
19 this act, subject to the availability of funds from the legislature to
20 cover this option. This is an option for individuals named by the
21 office of the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the
22 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994,
23 who have elected to receive their award in the form of the academic
24 grant. This option shall be exercised only at the discretion of the
25 academic grant recipients.

26 (2) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act is necessary for the
28 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
29 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
30 and shall take effect April 1, 1994.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If any provision of this act or its
32 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
33 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
34 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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