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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Mason, Mulliken, Jacobsen, Chopp, Regala and Conway; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the doctoral fellowship for faculty diversity
2 program; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and making an
3 appropriation.

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 become faculty members in institutions of
7 higher education is of paramount importance. The legislature further
8 finds that ethnic minority faculty members are underrepresented in
9 institutions of higher education in Washington state.

10 Therefore, the doctoral fellowship for faculty diversity program is
11 created to increase the number of ethnic minorities available to teach
12 at the college and university level in academic disciplines in which
13 ethnic minorities are demonstrably underrepresented. Additionally the
14 purpose of this chapter is to create a partnership between the state,
15 institutions of higher education, and students that will lead to
16 greater participation of ethnic minorities in the ranks of college and
17 university faculties. Third, the faculty diversity program is created
18 to supplement funding from foundations and institutions for minority
19 doctoral students.

1 The legislature intends to encourage minority doctoral students to
2 teach in Washington institutions of higher education, encourage
3 institutions of higher education to mentor and place doctoral scholars
4 into faculty positions, and to provide supplemental funding to support
5 the minority doctoral students, thereby, enhancing opportunities and
6 educational quality for all Washington citizens.

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

10 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

11 (2) "Sponsoring institution" means public or private institutions
12 of higher education within Washington state that offer doctoral degree-
13 granting programs in academic disciplines in which ethnic minorities
14 are demonstrably underrepresented.

15 (3) "Student" means a student who is admitted to a doctoral degree
16 program at an institution of higher education in the state of
17 Washington and who has a declared intention to teach at a Washington
18 institution of higher education upon program completion. The student
19 shall be of an ethnic minority representation found by the board to
20 have a low rate of participation among faculty in that individual's
21 discipline, a citizen or legal alien residing in the state of
22 Washington, a needy student, as defined in RCW 28B.10.802, and a
23 resident student, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2). To remain eligible
24 after initial selection, the student must be enrolled and maintain
25 satisfactory academic progress.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The doctoral scholarship for faculty
27 diversity program is created. The program shall be administered by the
28 board. In administering the program, the board shall have the
29 following powers and duties:

30 (1) To select students to receive doctoral scholarships with the
31 assistance of a screening committee including, but not limited to
32 faculty members, administrators, and individuals involved in assisting
33 ethnic minority students to obtain a higher education;

34 (2) To adopt rules and guidelines;

35 (3) To publicize the program;

36 (4) To award scholarships from state funds or those funded by the
37 Western interstate commission for higher education (WICHE);

1 (5) To coordinate with the sponsoring institution, orientation
2 activities, mentoring, provision of periodic reports to the Western
3 interstate commission for higher education, monitor placement of
4 doctoral scholars, and other activities as necessary.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The board shall establish a planning
6 committee to develop criteria for the screening and selection of
7 recipients of scholarships under this chapter. Criteria shall
8 emphasize factors demonstrating academic potential as a faculty member
9 in an institution of higher education, an interest in serving as a
10 faculty member in Washington, and leadership ability. The criteria
11 shall include a priority for students willing to teach in academic
12 disciplines in which ethnic minorities are demonstrably
13 underrepresented.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The board may award scholarships to students
15 from funds appropriated to the board for this purpose. The amount of
16 the scholarship awarded an individual shall not exceed fifty percent of
17 the student's unmet need, the total amount per student not to exceed
18 ten thousand dollars per academic year. Students are eligible to
19 receive scholarships for a maximum of two academic years.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of dollars, or as much
21 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
22 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education
23 coordinating board for the doctoral fellowship for faculty diversity
24 program.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
26 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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