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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1814**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representative Carlson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for vocational excellence;  
2 amending RCW 28C.04.520, 28C.04.525, 28C.04.530, 28C.04.535,  
3 28C.04.540, 28C.04.545, and 28B.15.545; and adding a new section to  
4 chapter 28B.80 RCW.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28C.04.520 and 1984 c 267 s 1 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 Every year community colleges, (~~vocational-technical institutes~~)  
9 technical colleges, and high schools graduate students who have  
10 distinguished themselves by their outstanding performance in their  
11 occupational training programs. The legislature intends to recognize  
12 and honor these students by establishing a Washington award for  
13 vocational excellence.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28C.04.525 and 1987 c 231 s 3 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 The Washington award for vocational excellence program is  
17 established. The purposes of this annual program are to:

1 (1) Maximize public awareness of the achievements, leadership  
2 ability, and community contributions of the ((state's—public  
3 ~~vocational-technical~~)) students enrolled in occupational training  
4 programs in high schools, community colleges, and technical colleges;

5 (2) Emphasize the dignity of work in our society;

6 (3) Instill respect for those who become skilled in crafts and  
7 technology;

8 (4) Recognize the value of vocational education and its  
9 contribution to the economy of this state;

10 (5) Foster business, labor, and community involvement in  
11 vocational-technical training programs and in this award program; and

12 (6) Recognize the outstanding achievements of up to three  
13 vocational or technical students, at least two of whom should be  
14 graduating high school students, in each legislative district.  
15 Students who have completed at least one year of a vocational-technical  
16 program in a community college or public ((~~vocational-technical~~  
17 ~~institute~~)) technical college may also be recognized.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28C.04.530 and 1987 c 231 s 2 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 (1) The ((~~commission for vocational education or a successor~~  
21 ~~agency~~)) work force training and education coordinating board shall  
22 have the responsibility for the development and administration of the  
23 Washington award for vocational excellence program. The ((~~commission~~  
24 ~~or successor agency~~)) work force training and education coordinating  
25 board shall develop the program in consultation with other state  
26 agencies and private organizations having interest and responsibility  
27 in vocational education, including but not limited to: The state board  
28 for community and technical colleges ((~~education~~)), the office of the  
29 superintendent of public instruction, a voluntary professional  
30 association of vocational educators, and representatives from business,  
31 labor, and industry.

32 (2) The ((~~commission or successor agency~~)) work force training and  
33 education coordinating board shall establish a planning committee to  
34 develop the criteria for screening and selecting the students who will  
35 receive the award. This criteria shall include but not be limited to  
36 the following characteristics: Proficiency in their chosen fields,  
37 attendance, attitude, character, leadership, and civic contributions.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28C.04.535 and 1984 c 267 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The Washington award for vocational excellence shall be granted  
4 annually. The ((~~commission~~)) work force training and education  
5 coordinating board shall notify the students receiving the award, their  
6 vocational instructors, local chambers of commerce, the legislators of  
7 their respective districts, and the governor, after final selections  
8 have been made. The ((~~commission~~)) work force training and education  
9 coordinating board, in conjunction with the governor's office, shall  
10 prepare appropriate certificates to be presented to the selected  
11 students. Awards shall be presented in public ceremonies at times and  
12 places determined by the ((~~commission~~)) work force training and  
13 education coordinating board in cooperation with the office of the  
14 governor.

15       **Sec. 5.** RCW 28C.04.540 and 1984 c 267 s 5 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17       The ((~~commission~~)) work force training and education coordinating  
18 board may accept any and all donations, grants, bequests, and devices,  
19 conditional or otherwise, or money, property, service, or other things  
20 of value which may be received from any federal, state, or local  
21 agency, any institution, person, firm, or corporation, public and  
22 private, to be held, used, or applied for the purposes of the  
23 Washington award for vocational excellence program. The ((~~commission~~))  
24 work force training and education coordinating board shall encourage  
25 maximum participation from business, labor, and community groups. The  
26 ((~~commission~~)) work force training and education coordinating board  
27 shall also coordinate, where feasible, the contribution activities of  
28 the various participants.

29       The ((~~commission~~)) work force training and education coordinating  
30 board shall not make expenditures from funds collected under this  
31 section until February 15, 1985.

32       **Sec. 6.** RCW 28C.04.545 and 1987 c 231 s 4 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34       (1) The respective governing boards of the public ((~~vocational-~~  
35 ~~technical institutes~~)) technical colleges shall provide fee waivers for  
36 a maximum of two years for those recipients of the Washington award for  
37 vocational excellence established under RCW 28C.04.520 through

1 28C.04.540 who received the award before June 30, 1994. To qualify for  
2 the waiver, recipients shall enter the public ((vocational-technical  
3 institute)) technical college within three years of receiving the  
4 award. An above average rating at the vocational-technical institute  
5 in the first year shall be required to qualify for the second-year  
6 waiver.

7 (2) Students named by the work force training and education  
8 coordinating board after June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington  
9 award for vocational excellence under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.550  
10 shall be eligible to receive a grant for undergraduate course work as  
11 authorized under section 8 of this act.

12 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.15.545 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 20 are each amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing  
15 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The  
16 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall waive tuition  
17 and services and activities fees for a maximum of two years for those  
18 recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence  
19 established under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.540 who received their  
20 awards before June 30, 1994. ((The governing boards may waive all or  
21 a portion of tuition and services and activities fees for those  
22 recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence who  
23 received their awards after June 30, 1994.)) Each recipient shall not  
24 receive a waiver for more than six quarters or four semesters. To  
25 qualify for the waiver, recipients shall enter the college or  
26 university within three years of receiving the award. A minimum grade  
27 point average at the college or university equivalent to 3.00, or an  
28 above-average rating at a technical college, shall be required in the  
29 first year to qualify for the second-year waiver. The tuition waiver  
30 shall be granted for undergraduate studies only.

31 (2) Students named by the work force training and education  
32 coordinating board after June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington  
33 award for vocational excellence under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.550  
34 shall be eligible to receive a grant for undergraduate course work as  
35 authorized under section 8 of this act.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
37 to read as follows:

1 (1) Recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence  
2 under RCW 28C.04.520 through 28C.04.550, who receive the award after  
3 June 30, 1994, may receive a grant, if funds are available. The grant  
4 shall be used to attend a postsecondary institution located in the  
5 state of Washington. Recipients may attend an institution of higher  
6 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, or an independent college or  
7 university, or a licensed private vocational school. The higher  
8 education coordinating board shall distribute grants to eligible  
9 students under this section from moneys appropriated for this purpose.  
10 The individual grants shall not exceed, on a yearly basis, the yearly,  
11 full-time, resident, undergraduate tuition and service and activities  
12 fees in effect at the state-funded research universities. In  
13 consultation with the work force training and education coordinating  
14 board, the higher education coordinating board shall establish  
15 procedures, by rule, to disburse the awards as direct grants to the  
16 students.

17 (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients shall enter the  
18 postsecondary institution within three years of high school graduation  
19 and maintain a minimum grade point average at the institution  
20 equivalent to 3.00, or, at a technical college, an above average  
21 rating. Students shall be eligible to receive a maximum of two years  
22 of grants for undergraduate study and may transfer among in-state  
23 eligible postsecondary institutions during that period and continue to  
24 receive the grant.

25 (3) No grant may be awarded to any student who is pursuing a degree  
26 in theology.

27 (4) As used in this section, "independent college or university"  
28 means a private, nonprofit educational institution, the main campus of  
29 which is permanently situated in the state, open to residents of the  
30 state, providing programs of education beyond the high school level  
31 leading at least to the baccalaureate degree, and accredited by the  
32 Northwest association of schools and colleges as of June 9, 1988, and  
33 other institutions as may be developed that are approved by the higher  
34 education coordinating board as meeting equivalent standards as those  
35 institutions accredited under this section.

36 (5) As used in this section, "licensed private vocational school"  
37 means a private postsecondary institution, located in the state,  
38 licensed by the work force training and education coordinating board  
39 under chapter 28C.10 RCW, and offering postsecondary education in order

1 to prepare persons for a vocation or profession, as defined in RCW  
2 28C.10.020(7).

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If any provision of this act or its  
4 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
5 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
6 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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