
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1814

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By House Committee on Appropriations (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; adding a new section to chapter
4 28B.80 RCW; and creating a new section.

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.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If specific funding for the purposes of
8 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
9 30, 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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