

---

HOUSE BILL 2913

---

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1996 Regular Session

By Representative Fuhrman

Read first time 01/25/96. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to the future teachers conditional scholarship;  
2 amending RCW 28B.102.020 and 28B.102.060; and providing an effective  
3 date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.102.020 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 36 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
10 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in (~~the~~  
11 ~~public schools of~~) an approved education program in this state.

12 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
13 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by  
14 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher  
15 education coordinating board.

16 (3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

17 (4) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at  
18 least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates achievement of  
19 at least a 3.30 grade point average for students entering an

1 institution of higher education directly from high school or maintains  
2 at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for each academic  
3 year in an institution of higher education, is a resident student as  
4 defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013, and has a declared intention  
5 to complete an approved preparation program leading to initial teacher  
6 certification or required for earning an additional endorsement, or a  
7 college or university graduate who meets the same credit hour  
8 requirements and is seeking an additional teaching endorsement or  
9 initial teacher certification. Resident students defined in RCW  
10 28B.15.012(2)(e) are not eligible students under this chapter.

11 (5) "Public school" means an elementary school, a middle school,  
12 junior high school, or high school within the public school system  
13 referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution.

14 (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render  
15 service as a teacher (~~(at a public school)~~) in an approved education  
16 program in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

17 (7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

18 (8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
19 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

20 (9) "Targeted ethnic minority" means a group of Americans with a  
21 common ethnic or racial heritage selected by the board for program  
22 consideration due to societal concerns such as high dropout rates or  
23 low rates of college participation by members of the group.

24 (10) "Approved education program" means an education program in the  
25 state of Washington for knowledge and skills generally learned in  
26 preschool through twelfth grade. Approved education programs may  
27 include but are not limited to:

28 (a) K-12 schools under Title 28A RCW;

29 (b) Early childhood education and assistance programs under RCW  
30 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 or the federal head start program;

31 (c) An approved school under chapter 28A.195 RCW;

32 (d) Education centers under chapter 28A.205 RCW;

33 (e) English as a second language programs and programs leading to  
34 high school graduation or the equivalency operated by community or  
35 technical colleges; and

36 (f) Tribal schools in Washington approved by the federal bureau of  
37 Indian affairs.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.102.060 and 1993 c 423 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Participants in the conditional scholarship program incur an  
4 obligation to repay the conditional scholarship, with interest, unless  
5 they teach for (~~ten~~) two years in (~~the public schools of the state~~  
6 ~~of Washington~~) an approved education program for each year of  
7 scholarship received, under rules adopted by the board.

8       (2) The interest rate shall be eight percent for the first four  
9 years of repayment and ten percent beginning with the fifth year of  
10 repayment.

11       (3) The period for repayment shall be ten years, with payments of  
12 principal and interest accruing quarterly commencing nine months from  
13 the date the participant completes or discontinues the course of study.  
14 Provisions for deferral of payment shall be determined by the board.

15       (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be  
16 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant teaches in  
17 (~~a public school~~) an approved education program until the entire  
18 repayment obligation is satisfied (~~or the borrower ceases to teach at~~  
19 ~~a public school in this state~~). Should the participant cease to teach  
20 (~~at a public school~~) in an approved education program in this state  
21 before the participant's repayment obligation is completed, payments on  
22 the unsatisfied portion of the principal and interest shall begin the  
23 next payment period and continue until the remainder of the  
24 participant's repayment obligation is satisfied.

25       (5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made  
26 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection,  
27 maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are  
28 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall  
29 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment  
30 if necessary (~~, and shall be performed by entities approved for such~~  
31 ~~servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its~~  
32 ~~successor agency~~). The board is responsible to forgive all or parts  
33 of such repayments under the criteria established in this section and  
34 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

35       (6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other  
36 subsidies to which the board as administrator is entitled, which are  
37 paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be  
38 deposited with the higher education coordinating board and shall be  
39 used to cover the costs of granting the conditional scholarships,

1 maintaining necessary records, and making collections under subsection  
2 (5) of this section. The board shall maintain accurate records of  
3 these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs  
4 shall be used to grant conditional scholarships to eligible students.

5 (7) The board shall temporarily or, in special circumstances,  
6 permanently defer the requirements of this section for eligible  
7 students as defined in RCW 28B.10.017.

8 (8) The board may cancel a recipient's repayment obligation due to  
9 the recipient's total and permanent disability or death, subject to  
10 documentation as required by the board.

11 (9) This section applies to recipients of conditional scholarships  
12 awarded before or after July 1, 1996.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

--- END ---