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By Senators Wood, Sheldon, Bauer, Kohl and Rasmussen; by request of
Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington scholars program; amending RCW
2 28A.600.130, 28B.15.543, 28B.80.245, and 28B.80.246; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.130 and 1990 c 33 s 500 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The higher education coordinating board shall establish a planning
8 committee to develop criteria for screening and selection of the
9 Washington scholars each year in accordance with RCW 28A.600.110(1).
10 It is the intent that these criteria shall emphasize scholastic
11 achievement but not exclude such criteria as leadership ability and
12 community contribution in final selection procedures. The Washington
13 scholars planning committee shall have members from selected state
14 agencies and private organizations having an interest and
15 responsibility in education, including but not limited to, the state
16 board of education, the office of superintendent of public instruction,
17 the council of presidents, the state board for community ((college
18 education)) and technical colleges, and the Washington friends of
19 higher education.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.543 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 19 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
4 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
5 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall waive tuition
6 and service and activities fees for students named by the higher
7 education coordinating board on or before June 30, 1994, as recipients
8 of the Washington scholars award under RCW 28A.600.100 through
9 28A.600.150 (~~((who received their awards before June 30, 1994. The~~
10 ~~governing boards may waive all or a portion of tuition and services and~~
11 ~~activities fees for those recipients of the Washington scholars award~~
12 ~~who received their awards after June 30, 1994))~~). The waivers shall be
13 used only for undergraduate studies. To qualify for the waiver,
14 recipients shall enter the college or university within three years of
15 high school graduation and maintain a minimum grade point average at
16 the college or university equivalent to 3.30. Students shall be
17 eligible (~~((for waivers for))~~) to receive a maximum of twelve quarters or
18 eight semesters of waivers and may transfer among state-supported
19 institutions of higher education during that period and continue to
20 have the tuition and services and activities fees waived by the state-
21 supported institution of higher education that the student attends.
22 Should the student's cumulative grade point average fall below 3.30
23 during the first three quarters or two semesters, that student may
24 petition the higher education coordinating board which shall have the
25 authority to establish a probationary period until such time as the
26 student's grade point average meets required standards.

27 (2) Students named by the higher education coordinating board after
28 June 30, 1994, as recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW
29 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 shall be eligible to receive a grant
30 for undergraduate coursework as authorized under RCW 28B.80.245.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.80.245 and 1990 c 33 s 560 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) Recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW
34 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 (~~((choosing))~~) who choose to attend an
35 independent college or university in this state, as defined in
36 subsection (4) of this section, and recipients of the award named after
37 June 30, 1994, who choose to attend a public college or university in
38 the state may receive grants under this section if moneys are

1 available. The higher education coordinating board shall distribute
2 grants to eligible students under this section from moneys appropriated
3 for this purpose. The individual grants shall not exceed, on a yearly
4 basis, the yearly, full-time, resident, undergraduate tuition and
5 service and activities fees in effect at the state-funded research
6 universities. Grants to recipients attending an independent
7 institution shall be contingent upon the (~~private~~) institution
8 matching on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with actual
9 money or by a waiver of fees, the amount of the grant received by the
10 student from the state. The higher education coordinating board shall
11 establish procedures, by rule, to disburse the awards as direct grants
12 to the students.

13 (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients shall enter the
14 (~~independent~~) in-state college or university within three years of
15 high school graduation and maintain a minimum grade point average at
16 the college or university equivalent to 3.30. Students shall be
17 eligible (~~for grants for~~) to receive a maximum of twelve quarters or
18 eight semesters of grants for undergraduate study and may transfer
19 among in-state public and independent colleges and universities during
20 that period and continue to receive the grant as provided under RCW
21 28B.80.246. If the student's cumulative grade point average falls
22 below 3.30 during the first three quarters or two semesters, that
23 student may petition the higher education coordinating board which
24 shall have the authority to establish a probationary period until such
25 time as the student's grade point average meets required standards.

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

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

37 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.80.246 and 1988 c 210 s 2 are each amended to read
38 as follows:

1 Students receiving grants under RCW 28B.80.245 or waivers under RCW
2 28B.15.543 (~~(shall be)~~) are entitled to transfer (~~(between)~~) among in-
3 state public and independent colleges or universities and to continue
4 to receive award benefits, as provided in this section, in the form of
5 a grant or waiver of tuition and services and activities fees while
6 enrolled at such institutions during the period of eligibility.
7 (~~(Students transferring to a public institution of higher education~~
8 ~~from an independent college or university are entitled to a tuition~~
9 ~~waiver while enrolled at such institution during the period of~~
10 ~~eligibility under RCW 28B.15.543. Students transferring to an~~
11 ~~independent college or university from a public institution of higher~~
12 ~~education are entitled to a grant under RCW 28B.80.245 while enrolled~~
13 ~~at such college or university during the period of eligibility under~~
14 ~~RCW 28B.80.245.)) The total grants or waivers for any one student~~
15 shall not exceed twelve quarters or eight semesters of undergraduate
16 study.

17 (1) Scholars named to the award on or before June 30, 1994, may
18 transfer between in-state public institutions, or from an eligible
19 independent college or university to an in-state public institution of
20 higher education, and are entitled to receive the waiver of tuition and
21 services and activities fees.

22 (2) Scholars named to the award on or before June 30, 1994, may
23 transfer from an in-state public institution to an eligible independent
24 college or university, or between eligible independent colleges or
25 universities, and continue to receive a grant contingent upon available
26 funding.

27 (3) Scholars named to the award after June 30, 1994, may transfer
28 among in-state public or private colleges and universities and continue
29 to receive the grant contingent upon available funding.

30 (4) In addition, scholars who transfer to an eligible independent
31 institution may receive the grant contingent upon the agreement of the
32 school to match on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with
33 actual money or by a waiver of fees, the amount of the grant received
34 by the student from the state.

35 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
36 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
37 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
38 persons or circumstances is not affected.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect July 1, 1995.

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