
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6185

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bauer, Kohl, Winsley and Rasmussen; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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1 AN ACT Relating to incentive grants for innovation and quality;
2 amending RCW 28B.120.010, 28B.120.020, and 28B.120.040; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.120.010 and 1991 c 98 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The Washington fund for ((~~excellence~~)) innovation and quality in
8 higher education program is established. The higher education
9 coordinating board shall administer the program. Through this program
10 the board may award on a competitive basis incentive grants to state
11 public institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions to
12 encourage cooperative programs designed to address specific system
13 problems. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period. Each institution
14 or consortia of institutions receiving the award shall contribute some
15 financial support, either by covering part of the costs for the program
16 during its implementation, or by assuming continuing support at the end
17 of the grant period. Strong priority will be given to proposals that
18 involve more than one sector of education, and to proposals that show

1 substantive institutional commitment. Institutions are encouraged to
2 solicit nonstate funds to support these cooperative programs.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.120.020 and 1991 c 98 s 3 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The higher education coordinating board shall have the following
6 powers and duties in administering the program:

7 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

8 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the
9 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall
10 include individuals with significant experience in higher education in
11 areas relevant to one or more of the funding period priorities;

12 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting
13 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.
14 During the ((1991-93)) 1995-97 biennium the guidelines shall be
15 consistent with the following ((priorities)) desired outcomes of
16 increasing access, improving time to degree, improving student
17 learning, and increasing efficiency and collaboration between
18 institutions of higher education and the private sector through
19 projects that may emphasize:

20 (a) Minority and diversity initiatives that encourage the
21 participation of minorities in higher education, including students
22 with disabilities, at a rate consistent with their proportion of the
23 population;

24 (b) K-12 teacher preparation models that encourage collaboration
25 between higher education and K-12 to improve the preparedness of
26 teachers, including provisions for higher education faculty involved
27 with teacher preparation to spend time teaching in K-12 schools;

28 (c) Multi-institutional or multifaculty development and evaluation
29 of:

30 (i) Collaborative instructional programs involving K-12, community
31 and technical colleges, and four-year institutions of higher education
32 to develop a three-year degree program, or reduce the time to degree;

33 (ii) Instructional technology and multimedia curricular projects;
34 and

35 (iii) A degree offered entirely on the internet;

36 (d) Individual institutional or faculty pilot projects to:

37 (i) Improve efficiency by five percent per year in cost or
38 graduation rate;

- 1 (ii) Improve student retention;
2 (iii) Develop competencies and outcomes for general education or
3 university requirements and degree programs;
4 (iv) Contract with public or private institutions or businesses to
5 provide services or the development of collaborative programs; ((and
6 (e))) (e) Articulation and transfer activities to smooth the
7 transfer of students from K-12 to higher education, or from the
8 community colleges and technical colleges to four-year institutions;
9 and
10 (f) Other innovative proposals.

11 After June 30, ~~((1993))~~ 1996, and each biennium thereafter, the
12 board shall determine funding priorities for collaborative proposals
13 for the biennium in consultation with the governor, the legislature,
14 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state board
15 for community and technical colleges ~~((education))~~, the ~~((state board~~
16 ~~for vocational education))~~ work force training and education
17 coordinating board, higher education institutions, educational
18 associations, and business and community groups consistent with state-
19 wide needs;

20 (4) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the
21 institutions of higher education about the program; and

22 (5) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,
23 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.120.040 and 1991 c 98 s 5 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 The fund for ~~((excellence))~~ innovation and quality is hereby
27 established in the custody of the state treasurer. The higher
28 education coordinating board shall deposit in the fund all moneys
29 received under RCW 28B.120.030. Moneys in the fund may be spent only
30 for the purposes of RCW 28B.120.010 and 28B.120.020. Disbursements
31 from the fund shall be on the authorization of the higher education
32 coordinating board. The fund is subject to the allotment procedure
33 provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
34 disbursements.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of five million dollars, or as much
36 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
37 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education

- 1 coordinating board to award grants from the fund for innovation and
- 2 quality to public institutions of higher education.

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