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SENATE BILL 5923

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By Senators West and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding eligibility for the educational  
2 opportunity grant program; amending RCW 28B.101.010 and 28B.101.020;  
3 and reenacting and amending RCW 28B.101.040.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.101.010 and 1990 c 288 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The educational opportunity grant program is hereby created (~~as a~~  
8 ~~demonstration project~~) to serve placebound financially needy students  
9 by assisting them to obtain a baccalaureate degree at public and  
10 private institutions of higher education (~~which have the capacity to~~  
11 ~~accommodate such students within existing educational programs and~~  
12 ~~facilities~~)).

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.101.020 and 1990 c 288 s 4 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) For the purposes of this chapter, "placebound" means unable to  
16 relocate to complete a college program because of family or employment  
17 commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar  
18 factors.

1 (2) To be eligible for an educational opportunity grant, applicants  
2 must be placebound residents of the state of Washington who are needy  
3 students as defined in RCW 28B.10.802(3) and who have completed the  
4 associate of arts degree or its equivalent. A placebound resident is  
5 one who may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced student  
6 financial aid award (~~(to attend an institution that has existing unused~~  
7 ~~capacity rather than attend a branch campus established pursuant to~~  
8 ~~chapter 28B.45 RCW)~~). An eligible placebound applicant is further  
9 defined as a person (~~(whose residence is located in an area served by~~  
10 ~~a branch campus)~~) who, because of family or employment commitments,  
11 health concerns, monetary need, or other similar factors, would be  
12 unable to complete an upper-division course of study but for receipt of  
13 an educational opportunity grant.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.101.040 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 35 and 1993 c 385 s  
15 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16 Grants may be used by eligible participants to attend any public or  
17 private college or university in the state of Washington that is  
18 accredited by an accrediting association recognized by rule of the  
19 higher education coordinating board (~~(and that has an existing unused~~  
20 ~~capacity. Grants shall not be used to attend any branch campus or~~  
21 ~~educational program established under chapter 28B.45 RCW)~~). The  
22 participant shall not be eligible for a grant if it will be used for  
23 any programs that include religious worship, exercise, or instruction  
24 or to pursue a degree in theology. Each participating student may  
25 receive up to two thousand five hundred dollars per academic year, not  
26 to exceed the student's demonstrated financial need for the course of  
27 study. Resident students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e) are not  
28 eligible for grants under this chapter.

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