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1 AN ACT Relating to conditional scholarships for future bilingual  
2 and English as a second language teachers; amending RCW 28B.102.020 and  
3 28B.102.050; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.102 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.102  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Through the future teachers conditional scholarship program,  
8 the board may grant a conditional scholarship to a student who meets  
9 the following requirements:

10 (a) Meets state residency requirements as defined by RCW 28B.15.012  
11 and 28B.15.013; and

12 (b) Either has a declared intention to complete an approved  
13 preparation program leading to teacher certification with an  
14 endorsement in bilingual education or English as a second language or  
15 is a teacher who is seeking an additional endorsement in bilingual  
16 education or English as a second language.

17 (2) In any year, the amount of the conditional scholarship may not  
18 exceed the amount of tuition and fees at the institution of higher

1 education attended by the student or resident undergraduate tuition and  
2 fees at the University of Washington, whichever is lower.

3 (3) When selecting scholarship recipients, the board shall give  
4 priority to students who are bilingual and who are able to demonstrate  
5 their dual language proficiency by meeting a standard established by  
6 the board. The board shall establish the standard in consultation with  
7 the office of the superintendent of public instruction's bilingual  
8 education advisory committee.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.102.020 and 1996 c 53 s 1 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
12 this section apply throughout this chapter.

13 (1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
14 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in an  
15 approved education program in this state.

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

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

21 (4) "Eligible student" means: (a) A student who is registered for  
22 at least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates achievement  
23 of at least a 3.30 grade point average for students entering an  
24 institution of higher education directly from high school or maintains  
25 at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for each academic  
26 year in an institution of higher education, is a resident student as  
27 defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013, and has a declared intention  
28 to complete an approved preparation program leading to initial teacher  
29 certification or required for earning an additional endorsement, or a  
30 college or university graduate who meets the same credit hour  
31 requirements and is seeking an additional teaching endorsement or  
32 initial teacher certification; or (b) a student who meets the  
33 requirements of section 1 of this act. Resident students defined in  
34 RCW 28B.15.012(2)((+e)) (f) are not eligible students under this  
35 chapter.

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

1 (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render  
2 service as a teacher in an approved education program in the state of  
3 Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (b) Early childhood education and assistance programs under RCW  
17 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 or the federal head start program;

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

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

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

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

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.102.050 and 1987 c 437 s 5 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 The board may award conditional scholarships to eligible students  
28 from the funds appropriated to the board for this purpose, or from any  
29 private donations, or any other funds given to the board for this  
30 program. With the exception of awards to participants under section 1  
31 of this act, the amount of the conditional scholarship awarded an  
32 individual shall not exceed three thousand dollars per academic year.  
33 Students are eligible to receive conditional scholarships for a maximum  
34 of five years.

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