
SENATE BILL 5699

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By Senators Carlson, Benton, Honeyford, Hale and Zarelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state scholars program; amending
2 RCW 28A.600.100 and 28A.600.110; and adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.600 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.100 and 1990 c 33 s 499 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Each year high ~~((schools))~~ school students, who live in the state
8 of Washington ~~((graduate a significant number of students who have~~
9 ~~distinguished))~~ and either attend a public or private high school in
10 Washington or commute to a private high school in Oregon or Idaho,
11 distinguish themselves through outstanding academic achievement. The
12 purpose of RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 is to establish a
13 consistent and uniform program which will recognize and honor the
14 accomplishments of these students; encourage and facilitate privately
15 funded scholarship awards among them; stimulate the recruitment of
16 outstanding students to Washington public and private colleges and
17 universities; and allow educational and legislative leaders, as well as
18 the governor, to reaffirm the importance of educational excellence to
19 the future of this state.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.110 and 1994 c 234 s 4 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 There is established by the legislature of the state of Washington
4 the Washington state scholars program. The purposes of this program
5 annually are to:

6 (1) Provide for the selection of three seniors residing in each
7 legislative district in the state graduating from high schools who have
8 distinguished themselves academically among their peers.

9 (2) Maximize public awareness of the academic achievement,
10 leadership ability, and community contribution of high school seniors
11 who attend either a Washington state public ((and)) or private high
12 school ((seniors)) or a private high school in Oregon or Idaho if the
13 student continues to live in Washington and commutes to the private
14 school, through appropriate recognition ceremonies and events at both
15 the local and state level.

16 (3) Provide a listing of the Washington scholars to all Washington
17 state public and private colleges and universities to facilitate
18 communication regarding academic programs and scholarship availability.

19 (4) Make available a state level mechanism for utilization of
20 private funds for scholarship awards to outstanding high school
21 seniors.

22 (5) Provide, on written request and with student permission, a
23 listing of the Washington scholars to private scholarship selection
24 committees for notification of scholarship availability.

25 (6) Permit a waiver of tuition and services and activities fees as
26 provided for in RCW 28B.15.543 and grants under RCW 28B.80.245.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 Each year on or before February 1st, the principal of any student
30 who lives in the state of Washington and commutes to a private high
31 school in Oregon or Idaho may submit to the Washington association of
32 secondary school principals the names of graduating senior high school
33 students who have been identified and recommended to be outstanding in
34 academic achievement based on the criteria established under RCW
35 28A.600.130. The association shall submit the names of these students

1 to the higher education coordinating board as established in RCW
2 28A.600.140.

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