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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "PART I

4 **CREATES THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP**
5 **PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE STATE NEED GRANT PROGRAM**

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature finds that individuals with a postsecondary
9 credential have a greater chance of earning a wage that can support
10 themselves and their families than if they do not obtain a
11 postsecondary credential. At the same time, Washington employers are
12 in need of many more individuals who possess postsecondary
13 qualifications. Access to postsecondary opportunities are vital to
14 ensure that more Washington high school graduates and working adults
15 can enter and complete a postsecondary program and compete for the
16 job opportunities available in the state.

17 (2) The legislature further finds that a statewide free college
18 program, for students who demonstrate financial need as defined in
19 section 3 of this act, is necessary to significantly reduce the
20 financial costs of obtaining a postsecondary credential. The
21 Washington college promise scholarship program is intended to
22 increase access to postsecondary opportunities for Washington
23 residents.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) The Washington college promise scholarship program is created
27 to provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants
28 and greater access to postsecondary education for Washington
29 residents. The Washington college promise scholarship program is
30 intended to increase the number of high school graduates and adults

1 that can attain a postsecondary credential and provide them with the
2 qualifications needed to compete for job opportunities in Washington.

3 (2) The office of student financial assistance shall implement
4 and administer the Washington college promise scholarship program and
5 is authorized to establish rules necessary for implementation of the
6 program.

7 (3) The legislature shall appropriate funding for the Washington
8 college promise scholarship program for eligible students whose
9 family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the federal
10 poverty level, as published annually by the federal department of
11 health and human services. Allocations must be made on the basis of
12 estimated eligible participants enrolled in eligible institutions of
13 higher education or apprenticeship programs. All eligible students
14 whose family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the
15 federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal
16 department of health and human services are entitled to a Washington
17 college promise scholarship.

18 (4) The office shall award Washington college promise
19 scholarships to all eligible students whose family income is at or
20 below one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as
21 published annually by the federal department of health and human
22 services beginning in academic year 2021-22.

23 (5) To be eligible for the Washington college promise
24 scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

25 (a) Demonstrate financial need under section 3 of this act;

26 (b) (i) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment for at least three
27 quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits at an institution
28 of higher education in Washington as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; or

29 (ii) Be enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program approved
30 under chapter 49.04 RCW;

31 (c) (i) Be a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a)
32 through (e); or

33 (ii) Be a student who has:

34 (A) Completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a
35 high school diploma, or the equivalent, either at a Washington public
36 high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195
37 RCW;

38 (B) Lived in Washington state for at least three years
39 immediately before receiving the diploma or its equivalent;

1 (C) Continuously lived in Washington state after receiving the
2 diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is
3 admitted to an eligible institution of higher education; and

4 (D) Been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status
5 pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the United States
6 citizenship and immigration services;

7 (d) File an annual application for financial aid as approved by
8 the office; and

9 (e) Must not have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a
10 postsecondary institution.

11 (6) Washington college promise scholarship eligibility may not
12 extend beyond five years or one hundred twenty-five percent of the
13 published length of the program in which the student is enrolled or
14 the credit or clock-hour equivalent.

15 (7) Institutional aid administrators shall determine whether a
16 student eligible for the Washington college promise scholarship in a
17 given academic year may remain eligible for the ensuing year if the
18 student's family income increases by no more than three percent.

19 (8) Qualifications for receipt and renewal include maintaining
20 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible
21 program as determined by the office and established in rule.

22 (9) Should a recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any
23 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the
24 scholarship shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by
25 the institution of higher education according to the institution of
26 higher education's policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in
27 RCW 28B.92.070.

28 (10) An eligible student enrolled on a part-time basis shall
29 receive a prorated portion of the Washington college promise
30 scholarship for any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on
31 a part-time basis.

32 (11) The Washington college promise scholarship is intended to be
33 used to meet the costs of postsecondary education for students with
34 financial need. The student shall be awarded all need-based financial
35 aid for which the student qualifies as determined by the institution.

36 (12) Students and participating institutions of higher education
37 shall comply with all the rules adopted by the council for the
38 administration of this chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92

2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in
4 this chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to
5 receive the Washington college promise scholarship. For the purposes
6 of this act, students who demonstrate financial need are students
7 with family incomes at or below seventy percent of the state median
8 family income, adjusted for family size.

9 (2) Students with family incomes at or below one hundred ten
10 percent of the federal poverty level, as published annually by the
11 federal department of health and human services, shall receive the
12 maximum Washington college promise scholarship award as defined in
13 RCW 28B.92.030. Awards for students with incomes above one hundred
14 ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published annually by
15 the federal department of health and human services, and below
16 seventy percent of the state median family income are subject to
17 amounts appropriated and shall be prorated at the following
18 percentages of the maximum Washington college promise scholarship
19 award as defined in RCW 28B.92.030:

20 (a) One hundred percent for students with family incomes above
21 one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published
22 annually by the federal department of health and human services, but
23 at or below fifty percent of the state median family income;

24 (b) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between
25 fifty-one and fifty-five percent of the state median family income;

26 (c) Sixty-five percent for students with family incomes between
27 fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income;

28 (d) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-
29 one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income; and

30 (e) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-
31 six and seventy percent of the state median family income.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2013 c 248 s 2 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 As used in this chapter:

35 (1) "Council" means the student achievement council.

36 (2) (~~"Disadvantaged student" means a posthigh school student who~~
37 ~~by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,~~
38 ~~experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify~~
39 ~~for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution of higher~~

1 ~~education, who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is~~
2 ~~attending an institution of higher education under an established~~
3 ~~program designed to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time~~
4 ~~student.~~

5 ~~(3))~~ "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to ~~((needy))~~
6 students who demonstrate financial need enrolled or accepted for
7 enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

8 (3) "Financial need" means a demonstrated financial inability to
9 bear the total cost of education as directed in rule by the office.

10 (4) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

11 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
12 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any
13 political subdivision thereof; or

14 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
15 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
16 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
17 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that
18 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW
19 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility
20 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an
21 institution operating in another state must be:

22 (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such
23 accrediting association;

24 (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting
25 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this
26 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
27 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
28 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty
29 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual
30 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;
31 ~~((or))~~

32 (iii) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of
33 Washington as provided in RCW 28B.77.240; or

34 (iv) An approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW.

35 ~~(5) ("Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an~~
36 ~~institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the~~
37 ~~financial inability, either through the student's parents, family~~
38 ~~and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and~~
39 ~~tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy~~
40 ~~student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by~~

1 ~~RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as~~
2 ~~defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high school~~
3 ~~graduation.)~~) "Maximum Washington college promise scholarship award":

4 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of
5 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, is tuition and
6 estimated fees for fifteen quarter credit hours or the equivalent, as
7 determined by the office, including operating fees, building fees,
8 and services and activities fees.

9 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of
10 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum
11 Washington college promise scholarship award under (a) of this
12 subsection, or individual institution tuition for fifteen quarter
13 credit hours or the equivalent.

14 (c) For students attending two-year private institutions of
15 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum
16 Washington college promise scholarship award at a community or
17 technical college or individual institution tuition for fifteen
18 quarter credit hours or the equivalent.

19 (d) For students attending approved apprenticeship programs, is
20 tuition and fees, as determined by the office, in addition to
21 required program supplies and equipment.

22 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

23 ~~((7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to~~
24 ~~complete a college program because of family or employment~~
25 ~~commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar~~
26 ~~factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced~~
27 ~~student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an~~
28 ~~eligible institution.))~~

29 **PART II**

30 **CASELOAD FORECAST**

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated
34 caseload of the Washington college promise scholarship program and
35 submit the caseload forecast as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2018 c 208 s 4 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
2 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
3 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of
4 the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
5 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from
6 among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other
7 officers as the members deem necessary.

8 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
9 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
10 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

11 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of
12 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
13 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
14 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
15 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
16 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
17 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes
18 of this section.

19 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation
20 of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
21 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
22 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
23 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
24 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved
25 by the council.

26 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for
27 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
28 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on
29 assumptions specified by the member.

30 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
31 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
32 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the
33 council or on official business authorized by the council.
34 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel
35 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

36 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

37 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement
38 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,
39 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
40 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common

1 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
2 adoption support;

3 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
4 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an
5 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

6 (c) The number of students whose family income is at or below one
7 hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published
8 annually by the federal department of health and human services, are
9 eligible for the Washington college promise scholarship program under
10 section 2 of this act, and are expected to attend an institution of
11 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; and

12 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW
13 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually
14 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

15 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
16 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
17 programs as a courtesy.

18 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth
19 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW
20 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster
21 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

22 (10) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the number of
23 youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation services while
24 involved in the foster care system and the number of screened in
25 reports of child abuse or neglect.

26 (11) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
27 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

28 PART III

29 UPDATING REFERENCES

30 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 2012 c 229 s 518 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or
33 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with
34 the state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial
35 aid program outlined in chapter 28B.92 RCW if:

36 (1) They qualify as a (~~"needy student"~~) student who
37 demonstrates financial need as defined under RCW 28B.92.030(~~(4)~~);
38 and

1 (2) The institution attended is a member institution of an
2 accrediting association recognized by rule of the student achievement
3 council for the purposes of this section and is specifically
4 encompassed within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement
5 and agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations
6 pertaining to such students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW
7 28B.92.150.

8 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.12.030 and 2017 c 52 s 1 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (~~As used~~) The definitions in this section apply throughout this
11 chapter(~~, the following words and terms shall have the following~~
12 ~~meanings,~~) unless the context (~~shall~~) clearly (~~indicate another~~
13 ~~or different meaning or intent:~~) requires otherwise.

14 (1) (~~The term "needy student" shall mean a student enrolled or~~
15 ~~accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary institution who, according~~
16 ~~to a system of need analysis approved by the office of student~~
17 ~~financial assistance, demonstrates a financial inability, either~~
18 ~~parental, familial, or personal, to bear the total cost of education~~
19 ~~for any semester or quarter.~~

20 (~~2) The term~~) "Eligible institution" (~~shall~~) means any
21 postsecondary institution in this state accredited by the Northwest
22 Association of Schools and Colleges, or a campus of a member
23 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the
24 student achievement council for purposes of this section, that is
25 eligible for federal student financial aid assistance and has
26 operated as a nonprofit college or university delivering on-site
27 classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty consecutive years
28 within the state of Washington, or any public technical college in
29 the state.

30 (2) "Financial need" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.92.030.

31 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.92.040 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 160 are each
32 amended to read as follows:

33 The office shall be cognizant of the following guidelines in the
34 performance of its duties:

35 (1) The office shall be research oriented, not only at its
36 inception but continually through its existence.

1 (2) The office shall coordinate all existing programs of
2 financial aid except those specifically dedicated to a particular
3 institution by the donor.

4 (3) The office shall take the initiative and responsibility for
5 coordinating all federal student financial aid programs to ensure
6 that the state recognizes the maximum potential effect of these
7 programs, and shall design state programs that complement existing
8 federal, state, and institutional programs. (~~The office shall ensure
9 that state programs continue to follow the principle that state
10 financial aid funding follows the student to the student's choice of
11 institution of higher education.~~)

12 (4) Counseling is a paramount function of the (~~state need
13 grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program and other
14 state student financial aid programs, and in most cases could only be
15 properly implemented at the institutional levels; therefore, state
16 student financial aid programs shall be concerned with the attainment
17 of those goals which, in the judgment of the office, are the reasons
18 for the existence of a student financial aid program, and not solely
19 with administration of the program on an individual basis.

20 (5) The "package" approach of combining loans, grants and
21 employment for student financial aid shall be the conceptual element
22 of the state's involvement.

23 (6) The office shall ensure that allocations of state
24 appropriations for financial aid are made to individuals and
25 institutions in a timely manner and shall closely monitor
26 expenditures to avoid under or overexpenditure of appropriated funds.

27 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.92.065 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 4 are each
28 amended to read as follows:

29 Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each
30 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from
31 section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. will allow the
32 legislature to reduce (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise
33 scholarship program appropriations by an equal amount from the
34 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts. The legislature does not intend to
35 reduce award levels for private colleges and universities below the
36 2014-15 academic year levels.

37 (~~By reducing the overall cost of tuition, the legislature in
38 future biennia is better able and intends to serve those students
39 currently eligible but unserved in the state need grant.~~)

1 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.15.065 and 1977 ex.s. c 322 s 6 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 It is the intent of the legislature that (~~needy~~) students who
4 demonstrate financial need not be deprived of access to higher
5 education due to increases in educational costs or consequent
6 increases in tuition and fees. It is the sense of the legislature
7 that state appropriations for student financial aid be adjusted in an
8 amount which together with funds estimated to be available in the
9 form of basic educational opportunity grants as authorized under
10 Section 411 of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 as now or
11 hereafter amended will equal twenty-four percent of any change in
12 revenue estimated to occur as a result of revisions in tuition and
13 fee levels under the provisions of chapter 322, Laws of 1977 ex.
14 sess.

15 **Sec. 12.** RCW 28B.15.740 and 2015 c 55 s 223 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
18 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
19 Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may
20 waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for (~~needy~~) students who
21 demonstrate financial need and are eligible for resident tuition and
22 fee rates pursuant to RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013. Subject to the
23 limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state
24 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,
25 and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion
26 of tuition and fees for other students at the discretion of the
27 governing boards, except on the basis of participation in
28 intercollegiate athletic programs, not to exceed three-fourths of one
29 percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue under RCW
30 28B.15.910 for the community and technical colleges considered as a
31 whole and not to exceed two percent of gross authorized operating
32 fees revenue for the other institutions of higher education.

33 (2) In addition to the tuition and fee waivers provided in
34 subsection (1) of this section and subject to the provisions of RCW
35 28B.15.455, 28B.15.460, and 28B.15.910, a total dollar amount of
36 tuition and fee waivers awarded by any state university, regional
37 university, or state college under this chapter, not to exceed one
38 percent, as calculated in subsection (1) of this section, may be used
39 for the purpose of achieving or maintaining gender equity in

1 intercollegiate athletic programs. At any institution that has an
2 underrepresented gender class in intercollegiate athletics, any such
3 waivers shall be awarded:

4 (a) First, to members of the underrepresented gender class who
5 participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers result
6 in saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs
7 for the underrepresented gender class. Such saved or displaced money
8 shall be used for programs for the underrepresented gender class; and

9 (b) Second, (i) to nonmembers of the underrepresented gender
10 class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such
11 waivers result in saved or displaced money that can be used for
12 athletic programs for members of the underrepresented gender class.
13 Such saved or displaced money shall be used for programs for the
14 underrepresented gender class; or (ii) to members of the
15 underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate
16 athletics, where such waivers do not result in any saved or displaced
17 money that can be used for athletic programs for members of the
18 underrepresented gender class.

19 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.15.760 and 2012 c 229 s 528 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
22 this section apply throughout RCW 28B.15.762 and 28B.15.764.

23 (1) "Borrower" means an eligible student who has received a loan
24 under RCW 28B.15.762.

25 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

26 (3) "Eligible student" means a student registered for at least
27 ten credit hours or the equivalent and demonstrates achievement of a
28 3.00 grade point average for each academic year, who is a resident
29 student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, who is a
30 (~~"needy~~) student(("who demonstrates financial need) as defined in
31 RCW 28B.92.030, and who has a declared major in a program leading to
32 a degree in teacher education in a field of science or mathematics,
33 or a certificated teacher who meets the same credit hour and (~~"needy
34 student") financial eligibility requirements and is seeking an
35 additional degree in science or mathematics.~~

36 (4) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" means to collect service as a
37 teacher in a field of science or mathematics at a public school in
38 the state of Washington in lieu of monetary payment.

1 (5) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
2 college or university in the state of Washington which is a member
3 institution of an accrediting association recognized as such by rule
4 of the council.

5 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

6 (7) "Public school" means a middle school, junior high school, or
7 high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX
8 of the state Constitution.

9 (8) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

10 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28B.15.762 and 2012 c 229 s 529 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The council may make long-term loans to eligible students at
13 institutions of higher education from the funds appropriated to the
14 council for this purpose. The amount of any such loan shall not
15 exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student or two thousand
16 five hundred dollars for each academic year whichever is less, and
17 the total amount of such loans to an eligible student shall not
18 exceed ten thousand dollars. The interest rates and terms of deferral
19 of such loans shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed
20 loan program established by 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq. The period
21 for repaying the loan principal and interest shall be ten years with
22 payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the
23 borrower graduated. The entire principal and interest of each loan
24 payment shall be forgiven for each payment period in which the
25 borrower teaches science or mathematics in a public school in this
26 state until the entire loan is satisfied or the borrower ceases to
27 teach science or mathematics at a public school in this state. Should
28 the borrower cease to teach science or mathematics at a public school
29 in this state before the time in which the principal and interest on
30 the loan are satisfied, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the
31 principal and interest on the loan shall begin the next payment
32 period and continue until the remainder of the loan is paid.

33 (2) The council is responsible for collection of loans made under
34 subsection (1) of this section and shall exercise due diligence in
35 such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that
36 maximum repayments are made. Collection and servicing of loans under
37 subsection (1) of this section shall be pursued using the full extent
38 of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be
39 performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington

1 student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. The
2 council is responsible to forgive all or parts of such loans under
3 the criteria established in subsection (1) of this section and shall
4 maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

5 (3) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any
6 other subsidies to which the council as lender is entitled, which are
7 paid by or on behalf of borrowers under subsection (1) of this
8 section, shall be deposited with the office and shall be used to
9 cover the costs of making the loans under subsection (1) of this
10 section, maintaining necessary records, and making collections under
11 subsection (2) of this section. The office shall maintain accurate
12 records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to
13 pay such costs shall be used to make loans to eligible students.

14 (4) Any funds not used to make loans, or to cover the cost of
15 making loans or making collections, shall be placed in the state
16 educational trust fund for (~~needy or disadvantaged~~) students who
17 demonstrate financial need.

18 (5) The council shall adopt necessary rules to implement this
19 section.

20 **Sec. 15.** RCW 28B.15.820 and 2009 c 215 s 9 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) Each institution of higher education, including technical
23 colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of
24 revenues collected from tuition and services and activities fees in
25 an institutional financial aid fund that is hereby created and which
26 shall be held locally. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for the
27 following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-term loans to
28 eligible students as provided in subsections (3) through (8) of this
29 section; (b) to make short-term loans as provided in subsection (9)
30 of this section; (c) to provide financial aid to (~~needy~~) students
31 who demonstrate financial need as provided in subsection (10) of this
32 section; or (d) to provide financial aid to students as provided in
33 subsection (11) of this section.

34 (2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3)
35 through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at
36 least three credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for
37 resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and
38 28B.15.013, and who is a (~~needy~~) student(("who demonstrates
39 financial need as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

1 (3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this
2 section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the
3 student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions
4 which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan
5 program established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or
6 hereafter amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the
7 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.
8 Institutions are hereby granted full authority to operate as an
9 eligible lender under the guaranteed loan program.

10 (4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each
11 institution shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the
12 loan based on factors which include, but are not limited to, the
13 student's accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment
14 opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the
15 student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the
16 student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the
17 availability of other forms of financial aid.

18 (5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed
19 long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due
20 diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to
21 insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate
22 with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty
23 association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection
24 of guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the
25 loans is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-
26 term loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved
27 for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty
28 association or its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be
29 permitted to perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do
30 so by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its
31 successor agency. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term
32 loans made by community colleges under subsection (1) of this section
33 shall be coordinated by the state board for community and technical
34 colleges and shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state
35 board.

36 (6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other
37 subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are
38 paid by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3)
39 through (8) of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's
40 financial aid fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the

1 guaranteed long-term loans under this section and maintaining
2 necessary records and making collections under subsection (5) of this
3 section: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not exceed five percent of
4 aggregate outstanding loan principal. Institutions shall maintain
5 accurate records of such costs, and all receipts beyond those
6 necessary to pay such costs, shall be deposited in the institution's
7 financial aid fund.

8 (7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
9 universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board
10 for community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community
11 colleges and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and
12 regulations to implement this section.

13 (8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under
14 this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally
15 have access to educational loans from private financial institutions
16 in Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary
17 markets in the support of loan consolidation.

18 (9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from
19 the institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the
20 institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known
21 by the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of
22 any outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if
23 the institution has ample evidence that the student has the
24 capability of repaying the loan within the time frame specified by
25 the institution for repayment.

26 (10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
27 that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used
28 by the institution for locally administered financial aid programs
29 for (~~needy~~) students who demonstrate financial need, such as need-
30 based institutional employment programs or need-based tuition and fee
31 scholarship or grant programs. These funds shall be used in addition
32 to and not to replace institutional funds that would otherwise
33 support these locally administered financial aid programs. First
34 priority in the use of these funds shall be given to (~~needy~~)
35 students who demonstrate financial need and have accumulated
36 excessive educational loan burdens. An excessive educational loan
37 burden is a burden that will be difficult to repay given employment
38 opportunities and average starting salaries in the student's chosen
39 fields of study. Second priority in the use of these funds shall be
40 given to (~~needy~~) single parents who are students who demonstrate

1 financial need, to assist these students with their educational
2 expenses, including expenses associated with child care and
3 transportation.

4 (11) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
5 may be used by the institution for a locally administered financial
6 aid program for high school students enrolled in dual credit
7 programs. If institutions use funds in this manner, the governing
8 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
9 Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and
10 technical colleges shall each adopt necessary rules to implement this
11 subsection. Moneys from this fund may be used for all educational
12 expenses related to a student's participation in a dual credit
13 program including but not limited to tuition, fees, course materials,
14 and transportation.

15 **Sec. 16.** RCW 28B.108.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 191 are each
16 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

17 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
18 this section apply throughout this chapter.

19 (1) "Eligible student" or "student" means an American Indian who
20 is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial need,
21 as defined in RCW 28B.92.030, who is a resident student, as defined
22 by RCW 28B.15.012(2), who is a full-time student at an institution of
23 higher education, and who promises to use his or her education to
24 benefit other American Indians.

25 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
26 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited
27 by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the
28 council for higher education.

29 (3) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

30 **Sec. 17.** RCW 28B.116.010 and 2013 c 39 s 10 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
33 this section apply throughout this chapter.

34 (1) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with the
35 attendance of the institution of higher education as determined by
36 the office of student financial assistance, including but not limited
37 to tuition, room, board, and books.

38 (2) "Eligible student" means a student who:

- 1 (a) Is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three;
- 2 (b) Has been in foster care in the state of Washington for a
3 minimum of six months since his or her fourteenth birthday;
- 4 (c) Is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial
5 need, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;
- 6 (d) Is a resident student, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2);
- 7 (e) Has entered or will enter an institution of higher education
8 in Washington state within three years of high school graduation or
9 having successfully completed his or her high school equivalency
10 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;
- 11 (f) Is not pursuing a degree in theology; and
- 12 (g) Makes satisfactory progress towards the completion of a
13 degree or certificate program.
- 14 (3) "Institution of higher education" means a college or
15 university in the state of Washington that is accredited by an
16 accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the student
17 achievement council.
- 18 (4) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

19 **Sec. 18.** RCW 28A.180.120 and 2017 c 236 s 4 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 In 2017, funds must be appropriated for the purposes in this
22 section.

23 (1) The professional educator standards board, beginning in the
24 2017-2019 biennium, shall administer the bilingual educator
25 initiative, which is a long-term program to recruit, prepare, and
26 mentor bilingual high school students to become future bilingual
27 teachers and counselors.

28 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
29 specific purpose, pilot projects must be implemented in one or two
30 school districts east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
31 or two school districts west of the crest of the Cascade mountains,
32 where immigrant students are shown to be rapidly increasing.
33 Districts selected by the professional educator standards board must
34 partner with at least one two-year and one four-year college in
35 planning and implementing the program. The professional educator
36 standards board shall provide oversight.

37 (3) Participating school districts must implement programs,
38 including: (a) An outreach plan that exposes the program to middle
39 school students and recruits them to enroll in the program when they

1 begin their ninth grade of high school; (b) activities in ninth and
2 tenth grades that help build student agency, such as self-confidence
3 and awareness, while helping students to develop academic mind-sets
4 needed for high school and college success; the value and benefits of
5 teaching and counseling as careers; and introduction to leadership,
6 civic engagement, and community service; (c) credit-bearing curricula
7 in grades eleven and twelve that include mentoring, shadowing, best
8 practices in teaching in a multicultural world, efficacy and practice
9 of dual language instruction, social and emotional learning, enhanced
10 leadership, civic engagement, and community service activities.

11 (4) There must be a pipeline to college using two-year and four-
12 year college faculty and consisting of continuation services for
13 program participants, such as advising, tutoring, mentoring,
14 financial assistance, and leadership.

15 (5) High school and college teachers and counselors must be
16 recruited and compensated to serve as mentors and trainers for
17 participating students.

18 (6) After obtaining a high school diploma, students qualify to
19 receive conditional loans to cover the full cost of college tuition,
20 fees, and books. To qualify for funds, students must meet program
21 requirements as developed by their local implementation team, which
22 consists of staff from their school district and the partnering two-
23 year and four-year college faculty.

24 (7) In order to avoid loan repayment, students must (a) earn
25 their baccalaureate degree and certification needed to serve as a
26 teacher or professional guidance counselor; and (b) teach or serve as
27 a counselor in their educational service district region for at least
28 five years. Students who do not meet the repayment terms in this
29 subsection are subject to repaying all or part of the financial aid
30 they receive for college unless students are recipients of funding
31 provided through programs such as the (~~state need grant~~) Washington
32 college promise scholarship program or the college bound scholarship
33 program.

34 (8) Grantees must work with the professional educator standards
35 board to draft the report required in section 6, chapter 236, Laws of
36 2017.

37 (9) The professional educator standards board may adopt rules to
38 implement this section.

1 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28B.76.502 and 2017 c 177 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The office must provide a financial aid counseling curriculum
4 to institutions of higher education with (~~state need grant~~)
5 Washington college promise scholarship recipients. The curriculum
6 must be available via a web site. The curriculum must include, but
7 not be limited to:

8 (a) An explanation of the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college
9 promise scholarship program rules, including maintaining satisfactory
10 progress, repayment rules, and usage limits;

11 (b) Information on campus and private scholarships and work-study
12 opportunities, including the application processes;

13 (c) An overview of student loan options with an emphasis on the
14 repayment obligations a student borrower assumes regardless of
15 program completion, including the likely consequences of default and
16 sample monthly repayment amounts based on a range of student levels
17 of indebtedness;

18 (d) An overview of personal finance, including basic money
19 management skills such as living within a budget and handling credit
20 and debt;

21 (e) Average salaries for a wide range of jobs;

22 (f) Financial education that meets the needs of, and includes
23 perspectives from, a diverse group of students who are or were
24 recipients of financial aid, including student loans, who may be
25 trained by the financial education public-private partnership; and

26 (g) Contact information for local financial aid resources and the
27 federal student aid ombuds' office.

28 (2) By the 2013-14 academic year, the institution of higher
29 education must take reasonable steps to ensure that each (~~state need~~
30 ~~grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship recipient receives
31 information outlined in subsection (1)(a) through (g) of this section
32 by directly referencing or linking to the web site on the conditions
33 of award statement provided to each recipient.

34 (3) By July 1, 2013, the office must disseminate the curriculum
35 to all institutions of higher education participating in the (~~state~~
36 ~~need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program. The
37 institutions of higher education may require (~~nonstate need grant~~
38 ~~recipients~~) students who are not participating in the Washington
39 college promise scholarship program to participate in all or portions
40 of the financial aid counseling.

1 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, by the 2017-18 academic year, each institution of
3 higher education must take reasonable steps to ensure that the
4 institution presents, and each incoming student participates in, a
5 financial education workshop. The scope of the workshop must include,
6 but is not limited to, the information outlined in subsection (1)(b)
7 through (g) of this section, and include recommendations by the
8 financial education public-private partnership. The institutions are
9 encouraged to present these workshops during student orientation or
10 as early as possible in the academic year.

11 **Sec. 20.** RCW 28B.76.525 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 110 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The state financial aid account is created in the custody of
14 the state treasurer. The primary purpose of the account is to ensure
15 that all appropriations designated for financial aid through
16 statewide student financial aid programs are made available to
17 eligible students. The account shall be a nontreasury account.

18 (2) The office shall deposit in the account all money received
19 for the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship
20 program (~~established under RCW 28B.92.010~~) created under section 2
21 of this act, the state work-study program established under chapter
22 28B.12 RCW, the Washington scholars program established under RCW
23 28A.600.110, the Washington award for vocational excellence program
24 established under RCW 28C.04.525, and the educational opportunity
25 grant program established under chapter 28B.101 RCW. The account
26 shall consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the
27 programs listed in this subsection and private contributions to the
28 programs. Moneys deposited in the account do not lapse at the close
29 of the fiscal period for which they were appropriated. Both during
30 and after the fiscal period in which moneys were deposited in the
31 account, the office may expend moneys in the account only for the
32 purposes for which they were appropriated, and the expenditures are
33 subject to any other conditions or limitations placed on the
34 appropriations.

35 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships
36 to students eligible for the programs according to program rules and
37 policies.

38 (4) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations
39 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

1 (5) Only the director of the office or the director's designee
2 may authorize expenditures from the account.

3 **Sec. 21.** RCW 28B.76.526 and 2018 c 232 s 10 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The Washington opportunity pathways account is created in the
6 state treasury. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
7 programs in chapter 28A.710 RCW (charter schools), chapter 28B.12 RCW
8 (state work-study), chapter 28B.50 RCW (opportunity grant), RCW
9 28B.76.660 (Washington scholars award), RCW 28B.76.670 (Washington
10 award for vocational excellence), chapter 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need
11 grant))~~) Washington college promise scholarship program), chapter
12 28B.105 RCW (GET ready for math and science scholarship), chapter
13 28B.117 RCW (passport to careers), chapter 28B.118 RCW (college bound
14 scholarship), (~~(chapter 28B.119 RCW (Washington promise
15 scholarship),~~) and chapter (~~(43.215)~~) 43.216 RCW (early childhood
16 education and assistance program).

17 **Sec. 22.** RCW 28B.76.540 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 111 are each
18 amended to read as follows:

19 In addition to administrative responsibilities assigned in this
20 chapter, the office shall administer the programs set forth in the
21 following statutes: RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 (Washington
22 scholars); chapter 28B.85 RCW (degree-granting institutions); chapter
23 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need grant))~~) Washington college promise
24 scholarship); chapter 28B.12 RCW (work-study); RCW 28B.15.543
25 (~~((tuition waivers for Washington scholars))~~) grants for undergraduate
26 coursework); RCW 28B.15.760 through 28B.15.766 (math and science
27 loans); RCW 28B.15.100 (reciprocity agreement); RCW 28B.15.730
28 through 28B.15.734 (Oregon reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.750 and
29 28B.15.752 (Idaho reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.756 (British Columbia
30 reciprocity); chapter 28B.101 RCW (educational opportunity grant);
31 chapter 28B.102 RCW (future teachers conditional scholarship);
32 chapter 28B.108 RCW (American Indian endowed scholarship); chapter
33 28B.109 RCW (Washington international exchange scholarship); chapter
34 28B.115 RCW (health professional conditional scholarship); (~~(chapter
35 28B.119 RCW (Washington promise scholarship),~~) and chapter 28B.133
36 RCW (gaining independence for students with dependents).

1 **Sec. 23.** RCW 28B.76.699 and 2016 c 233 s 17 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, the office shall administer a student teaching
5 residency grant program to provide additional funds to individuals
6 completing student teaching residencies at public schools in
7 Washington.

8 (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients must be enrolled in a
9 professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation
10 program, be completing or about to start a student teaching residency
11 at a Title I school, and demonstrate financial need, as defined by
12 the office and consistent with the income criteria required to
13 receive the ((state need grant established)) Washington college
14 promise scholarship created in chapter 28B.92 RCW.

15 (3) The office shall establish rules for administering the grants
16 under this section.

17 **Sec. 24.** RCW 28B.77.020 and 2015 c 83 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Aligned with the state's biennial budget and policy cycles,
20 the council shall propose educational attainment goals and priorities
21 to meet the state's evolving needs. The council shall identify
22 strategies for meeting the goals and priorities by means of a short-
23 term strategic action plan and a ten-year plan that serves as a
24 roadmap.

25 (a) The goals must address the needs of Washington residents to
26 reach higher levels of educational attainment and Washington's
27 workforce needs for certificates and degrees in particular fields of
28 study.

29 (b) The council shall identify the resources it deems appropriate
30 to meet statewide goals and also recognize current state economic
31 conditions and state resources.

32 (c) In proposing goals, the council shall collaborate with the
33 superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator
34 standards board, the state board of education, the state board for
35 community and technical colleges, the four-year institutions of
36 higher education, independent colleges and degree-granting
37 institutions, certificate-granting institutions, and the workforce
38 training and education coordinating board.

1 (2) The council shall update the strategic action plan every two
2 years with the first strategic action plan to be submitted to the
3 governor and the legislature by December 1, 2012. The ten-year
4 roadmap must be updated every two years with the first roadmap to be
5 submitted to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2013.
6 The council must provide regular updates to the joint higher
7 education committee created in RCW 44.04.360 as needed.

8 (3) In order to develop the ten-year roadmap, the council shall
9 conduct strategic planning in collaboration with agencies and
10 stakeholders and include input from the legislature. The council must
11 also consult with the STEM education innovation alliance established
12 under RCW 28A.188.030 in order to align strategies under the roadmap
13 with the STEM framework for education and accountability developed by
14 the alliance. The roadmap must encompass all sectors of higher
15 education, including secondary to postsecondary transitions. The
16 roadmap must outline strategies that address:

17 (a) Strategic planning, which includes setting benchmarks and
18 goals for long-term degree production generally and in particular
19 fields of study;

20 (b) Expanding access, affordability, quality, efficiency, and
21 accountability among the various institutions of higher education;

22 (c) Higher education finance planning and strategic investments
23 including budget recommendations necessary to meet statewide goals;

24 (d) System design and coordination;

25 (e) Improving student transitions;

26 (f) Higher education data and analysis, in collaboration with the
27 education data center, which includes outcomes for recruitment,
28 retention, and success of students;

29 (g) College and career access preparedness, in collaboration with
30 the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the state
31 board of education;

32 (h) Expanding participation and success for racial and ethnic
33 minorities in higher education;

34 (i) Development and expansion of innovations in higher education
35 including innovations to increase attainment of postsecondary
36 certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and
37 professional degrees; and innovations to improve precollege education
38 in terms of cost-effectiveness and transitions to college-level
39 education;

1 (j) Strengthening the education pipeline and degree production in
2 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields, and
3 aligning strategies under the roadmap with the STEM framework for
4 action and accountability developed under RCW 28A.188.030; and

5 (k) Relevant policy research.

6 (4) As needed, the council must conduct system reviews consistent
7 with RCW 28B.77.080.

8 (5) The council shall facilitate the development and expansion of
9 innovative practices within, between, and among the sectors to
10 increase educational attainment and assess the effectiveness of the
11 innovations.

12 (6) The council shall use the data and analysis produced by, and
13 in consultation with, the education data center created in RCW
14 43.41.400 in developing policy recommendations and proposing goals.
15 In conducting research and analysis the council at a minimum must:

16 (a) Identify barriers to increasing educational attainment,
17 evaluate effectiveness of various educational models, identify best
18 practices, and recommend methods to overcome barriers;

19 (b) Analyze data from multiple sources including data from
20 academic research and from areas and agencies outside of education
21 including but not limited to data from the department of health, the
22 department of corrections, and the department of social and health
23 services to determine best practices to remove barriers and to
24 improve educational attainment;

25 (c) Assess educational achievement disaggregated by income level,
26 age, gender, race and ethnicity, country of origin, and other
27 relevant demographic groups working with data from the education data
28 center;

29 (d) Track progress toward meeting the state's goals;

30 (e) Communicate results and provide access to data analysis to
31 policymakers, the superintendent of public instruction, institutions
32 of higher education, students, and the public; and

33 (f) Use data from the education data center wherever appropriate
34 to conduct duties in (a) through (e) of this subsection.

35 (7) The council shall collaborate with the appropriate state
36 agencies and stakeholders, including the state board of education,
37 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state
38 board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training
39 and education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions of

1 higher education to improve student transitions and success including
2 but not limited to:

3 (a) Setting minimum college admission standards for four-year
4 institutions of higher education, including:

5 (i) A requirement that coursework in American sign language or an
6 American Indian language satisfies any requirement for instruction in
7 a language other than English that the council or the institutions
8 may establish as a general undergraduate admissions requirement; and

9 (ii) Encouragement of the use of multiple measures to determine
10 whether a student must enroll in a precollege course, such as
11 placement tests, the SAT, high school transcripts, college
12 transcripts, or initial class performance;

13 (b) Proposing comprehensive policies and programs to encourage
14 students to prepare for, understand how to access, and pursue
15 postsecondary college and career programs, including specific
16 policies and programs for students with disabilities;

17 (c) Recommending policies that require coordination between or
18 among sectors such as dual high school-college programs, awarding
19 college credit for advanced high school work, and transfer between
20 two and four-year institutions of higher education or between
21 different four-year institutions of higher education; and

22 (d) Identifying transitions issues and solutions for students,
23 from high school to postsecondary education including community and
24 technical colleges, four-year institutions of higher education,
25 apprenticeships, training, or workplace education; between two-year
26 and four-year institutions of higher education; and from
27 postsecondary education to career. In addressing these issues the
28 council must recognize that these transitions may occur multiple
29 times as students continue their education.

30 (8) The council directs the work of the office, which includes
31 administration of student financial aid programs under RCW
32 28B.76.090, including the ((state need grant)) Washington college
33 promise scholarship and other scholarships, the Washington advanced
34 college tuition payment program, and work-study programs.

35 (9) The council may administer state and federal grants and
36 programs including but not limited to those programs that provide
37 incentives for improvements related to increased access and success
38 in postsecondary education.

39 (10) The council shall protect higher education consumers
40 including:

1 (a) Approving degree-granting postsecondary institutions
2 consistent with existing statutory criteria;

3 (b) Establishing minimum criteria to assess whether students who
4 attend proprietary institutions of higher education shall be eligible
5 for the ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship
6 and other forms of state financial aid.

7 (i) The criteria shall include retention rates, completion rates,
8 loan default rates, and annual tuition increases, among other
9 criteria for students who receive ~~((state need grant as))~~ the
10 Washington college promise scholarship in chapter 28B.92 RCW and any
11 other state financial aid.

12 (ii) The council may remove proprietary institutions of higher
13 education from eligibility for the ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington
14 college promise scholarship or other form of state financial aid if
15 it finds that the institution or college does not meet minimum
16 criteria.

17 (iii) The council shall report by December 1, 2014, to the joint
18 higher education committee in RCW 44.04.360 on the outcomes of
19 students receiving ~~((state need grants))~~ Washington college promise
20 scholarships, impacts on meeting the state's higher education goals
21 for educational attainment, and options for prioritization of the
22 ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship and
23 possible consequences of implementing each option. When examining
24 options for prioritizing the ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college
25 promise scholarship the council shall consider awarding ~~((grants))~~
26 scholarships based on need rather than date of application and making
27 awards based on other criteria selected by the council.

28 (11) The council shall adopt residency requirements by rule.

29 (12) The council shall arbitrate disputes between and among four-
30 year institutions of higher education and the state board for
31 community and technical colleges at the request of one or more of the
32 institutions involved, or at the request of the governor, or from a
33 resolution adopted by the legislature. The decision of the council
34 shall be binding on the participants in the dispute.

35 (13) The council may solicit, accept, receive, and administer
36 federal funds or private funds, in trust, or otherwise, and contract
37 with foundations or with for-profit or nonprofit organizations to
38 support the purposes and functions of the council.

39 (14) The council shall represent the broad public interest above
40 the interests of the individual institutions of higher education.

1 **Sec. 25.** RCW 28B.117.020 and 2018 c 232 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (1) "Apprentice" means a person enrolled in a state-approved,
6 federally registered, or reciprocally recognized apprenticeship
7 program.

8 (2) "Apprenticeship" means an apprenticeship training program
9 approved or recognized by the state apprenticeship council or similar
10 federal entity.

11 (3) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with attending
12 a particular institution of higher education as determined by the
13 office, including but not limited to tuition, fees, room, board,
14 books, personal expenses, and transportation, plus the cost of
15 reasonable additional expenses incurred by an eligible student and
16 approved by a financial aid administrator at the student's school of
17 attendance.

18 (4) "Federal foster care system" means the foster care program
19 under the federal unaccompanied refugee minors program, Title 8
20 U.S.C. Sec. 1522 of the immigration and nationality act.

21 (5) "Financial need" means the difference between a student's
22 cost of attendance and the student's total family contribution as
23 determined by the method prescribed by the United States department
24 of education.

25 (6) "Homeless" or "homelessness" means without a fixed, regular,
26 and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the federal
27 McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.

28 (7) "Independent college or university" means a private,
29 nonprofit institution of higher education, open to residents of the
30 state, providing programs of education beyond the high school level
31 leading to at least the baccalaureate degree, and accredited by the
32 Northwest association of schools and colleges, and other institutions
33 as may be developed that are approved by the student achievement
34 council as meeting equivalent standards as those institutions
35 accredited under this section.

36 (8) "Institution of higher education" means any institution
37 eligible to and participating in the (~~state need grant~~) Washington
38 college promise scholarship program.

39 (9) "Occupational-specific costs" means the costs associated with
40 entering an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship, including but not

1 limited to fees, tuition for classes, work clothes, rain gear, boots,
2 occupation-specific tools.

3 (10) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

4 (11) "Preapprenticeship" means an apprenticeship preparation
5 program recognized by the state apprenticeship council and as defined
6 in RCW 28C.18.162.

7 (12) "Program" means the passport to careers program created in
8 this chapter.

9 (13) "State foster care system" means out-of-home care pursuant
10 to a dependency and includes the placement of dependents from other
11 states who are placed in Washington pursuant to orders issued under
12 the interstate compact on the placement of children, chapter 26.34
13 RCW.

14 (14) "Tribal court" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
15 13.38.040.

16 (15) "Tribal foster care system" means an out-of-home placement
17 under a dependency order from a tribal court.

18 (16) "Unaccompanied" means a youth or young adult experiencing
19 homelessness while not in the physical custody of a parent or
20 guardian.

21 **Sec. 26.** RCW 28B.118.010 and 2018 c 204 s 1 and 2018 c 12 s 1
22 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

23 The office of student financial assistance shall design the
24 Washington college bound scholarship program in accordance with this
25 section and in alignment with the (~~state need grant~~) Washington
26 college promise scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW unless
27 otherwise provided in this section.

28 (1) "Eligible students" are those students who:

29 (a) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. If a student
30 qualifies in the seventh grade, the student remains eligible even if
31 the student does not receive free or reduced-price lunches
32 thereafter;

33 (b) Are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and:

34 (i) In grade seven through twelve; or

35 (ii) Are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one and have not
36 graduated from high school; or

37 (c) Were dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and were adopted
38 between the ages of fourteen and eighteen with a negotiated adoption

1 agreement that includes continued eligibility for the Washington
2 state college bound scholarship program pursuant to RCW 74.13A.025.

3 (2) Eligible students and the students' parents or guardians
4 shall be notified of the student's eligibility for the Washington
5 college bound scholarship program beginning in the student's seventh
6 grade year. Students and the students' parents or guardians shall
7 also be notified of the requirements for award of the scholarship.

8 (3)(a) To be eligible for a Washington college bound scholarship,
9 a student eligible under subsection (1)(a) of this section must sign
10 a pledge during seventh or eighth grade that includes a commitment to
11 graduate from high school with at least a C average and with no
12 felony convictions. The pledge must be witnessed by a parent or
13 guardian and forwarded to the office of student financial assistance
14 by mail or electronically, as indicated on the pledge form.

15 (b)(i) Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, the office of
16 student financial assistance shall make multiple attempts to secure
17 the signature of the student's parent or guardian for the purpose of
18 witnessing the pledge.

19 (ii) If the signature of the student's parent or guardian is not
20 obtained, the office of student financial assistance may partner with
21 the school counselor or administrator to secure the parent's or
22 guardian's signature to witness the pledge. The school counselor or
23 administrator shall make multiple attempts via all phone numbers,
24 email addresses, and mailing addresses on record to secure the
25 parent's or guardian's signature. All attempts to contact the parent
26 or guardian must be documented and maintained in the student's
27 official file.

28 (iii) If a parent's or guardian's signature is still not
29 obtained, the school counselor or administrator shall indicate to the
30 office of student financial assistance the nature of the unsuccessful
31 efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian and the reasons
32 the signature is not available. Then the school counselor or
33 administrator may witness the pledge unless the parent or guardian
34 has indicated that he or she does not wish for the student to
35 participate in the program.

36 (c) A student eligible under subsection (1)(b) of this section
37 shall be automatically enrolled, with no action necessary by the
38 student or the student's family, and the enrollment form must be
39 forwarded by the department of social and health services to the

1 office of student financial assistance by mail or electronically, as
2 indicated on the form.

3 (4) (a) Scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students
4 graduating from public high schools, approved private high schools
5 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or who received home-based instruction
6 under chapter 28A.200 RCW.

7 (b) (i) To receive the Washington college bound scholarship, a
8 student must graduate with at least a "C" average from a public high
9 school or an approved private high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW
10 in Washington or have received home-based instruction under chapter
11 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony convictions, and must be a resident
12 student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e). A student
13 who is eligible to receive the Washington college bound scholarship
14 because the student is a resident student under RCW 28B.15.012(2) (e)
15 must provide the institution, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012, an
16 affidavit indicating that the individual will file an application to
17 become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the
18 individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any
19 other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not
20 limited to citizenship or civics review courses.

21 (ii) For eligible children as defined in subsection (1) (b) and
22 (c) of this section, to receive the Washington college bound
23 scholarship, a student must have received a high school equivalency
24 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536 or have graduated with at
25 least a "C" average from a public high school or an approved private
26 high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW in Washington or have received
27 home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony
28 convictions, and must be a resident student as defined in RCW
29 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e).

30 For a student who does not meet the "C" average requirement, and
31 who completes fewer than two quarters in the running start program,
32 under chapter 28A.600 RCW, the student's first quarter of running
33 start course grades must be excluded from the student's overall grade
34 point average for purposes of determining their eligibility to
35 receive the scholarship.

36 (5) A student's family income will be assessed upon graduation
37 before awarding the scholarship.

38 (6) If at graduation from high school the student's family income
39 does not exceed sixty-five percent of the state median family income,
40 scholarship award amounts shall be as provided in this section.

1 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of
2 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the value of the award
3 shall be (i) the difference between the student's tuition and
4 required fees, less the value of any state-funded grant, scholarship,
5 or waiver assistance the student receives; (ii) plus five hundred
6 dollars for books and materials.

7 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of
8 higher education in Washington, the award amount shall be the
9 representative average of awards granted to students in public
10 research universities in Washington or the representative average of
11 awards granted to students in public research universities in
12 Washington in the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

13 (c) For students attending private vocational schools in
14 Washington, the award amount shall be the representative average of
15 awards granted to students in public community and technical colleges
16 in Washington or the representative average of awards granted to
17 students in public community and technical colleges in Washington in
18 the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

19 (7) Recipients may receive no more than four full-time years'
20 worth of scholarship awards.

21 (8) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all
22 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would
23 otherwise qualify. The Washington college bound scholarship is
24 intended to replace unmet need, loans, and, at the student's option,
25 work-study award before any other grants or scholarships are reduced.

26 (9) The first scholarships shall be awarded to students
27 graduating in 2012.

28 (10) The state of Washington retains legal ownership of tuition
29 units awarded as scholarships under this chapter until the tuition
30 units are redeemed. These tuition units shall remain separately held
31 from any tuition units owned under chapter 28B.95 RCW by a Washington
32 college bound scholarship recipient.

33 (11) The scholarship award must be used within five years of
34 receipt. Any unused scholarship tuition units revert to the
35 Washington college bound scholarship account.

36 (12) Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any
37 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the
38 scholarship tuition units shall revert to the Washington college
39 bound scholarship account.

1 **Sec. 27.** RCW 28B.118.090 and 2015 c 244 s 6 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Beginning January 1, 2015, and at a minimum every year
4 thereafter, the student achievement council and all institutions of
5 higher education eligible to participate in the college bound
6 scholarship program shall ensure data needed to analyze and evaluate
7 the effectiveness of the college bound scholarship program is
8 promptly transmitted to the education data center created in RCW
9 43.41.400 so that it is available and easily accessible. The data to
10 be reported should include but not be limited to:

11 (a) The number of students who sign up for the college bound
12 scholarship program in seventh or eighth grade;

13 (b) The number of college bound scholarship students who graduate
14 from high school;

15 (c) The number of college bound scholarship students who enroll
16 in postsecondary education;

17 (d) Persistence and completion rates of college bound scholarship
18 recipients disaggregated by institutions of higher education;

19 (e) College bound scholarship recipient grade point averages;

20 (f) The number of college bound scholarship recipients who did
21 not remain eligible and reasons for ineligibility;

22 (g) College bound scholarship program costs; and

23 (h) Impacts to the ((~~state need grant~~)) Washington college
24 promise scholarship program.

25 (2) Beginning May 12, 2015, and at a minimum every December 1st
26 thereafter, the student achievement council shall submit student unit
27 record data for the college bound scholarship program applicants and
28 recipients to the education data center.

29 **Sec. 28.** RCW 28B.133.010 and 2013 c 248 s 4 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 The educational assistance grant program for students with
32 dependents is hereby created, subject to the availability of receipts
33 of gifts, grants, or endowments from private sources. The program is
34 created to serve financially needy students with dependents eighteen
35 years of age or younger, by assisting them directly through a grant
36 program to pursue a degree or certificate at public or private
37 institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030(4) (a)
38 and (b) (i) and (ii), that participate in the ((~~state need grant~~))
39 Washington college promise scholarship program.

1 **Sec. 29.** RCW 28B.133.020 and 2004 c 275 s 73 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 To be eligible for the educational assistance grant program for
4 students with dependents, applicants shall: (1) Be residents of the
5 state of Washington; (2) be needy students as defined in RCW
6 28B.92.030(~~((3))~~); (3) be eligible to participate in the (~~(state need~~
7 ~~grant)~~) Washington college promise scholarship program as set forth
8 under (~~(RCW 28B.92.080)~~) chapter 28B.92 RCW; and (4) have dependents
9 eighteen years of age or younger who are under their care.

10 **Sec. 30.** RCW 28B.145.010 and 2018 c 254 s 9, 2018 c 209 s 6, and
11 2018 c 114 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
13 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

14 (1) "Board" means the opportunity scholarship board.

15 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

16 (3) "Eligible advanced degree program" means a health
17 professional degree program beyond the baccalaureate level and
18 includes graduate and professional degree programs.

19 (4) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as "rural county" as
20 defined in RCW 82.14.370 and also includes any county that shares a
21 common border with Canada and has a population of over one hundred
22 twenty-five thousand.

23 (5) "Eligible education programs" means high employer demand and
24 other programs of study as determined by the board.

25 (6) "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated with
26 the costs of acquiring an education such as tuition, books,
27 equipment, fees, room and board, and other expenses as determined by
28 the program administrator in consultation with the council and the
29 state board for community and technical colleges.

30 (7) "Eligible school district" means a school district of the
31 second class as identified in RCW 28A.300.065(2).

32 (8) "Eligible student" means a resident student who received his
33 or her high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate as
34 provided in RCW 28B.50.536 in Washington and who:

35 (a)(i) Has been accepted at a four-year institution of higher
36 education into an eligible education program leading to a
37 baccalaureate degree;

1 (ii) Will attend a two-year institution of higher education and
2 intends to transfer to an eligible education program at a four-year
3 institution of higher education;

4 (iii) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education
5 into a professional-technical degree program in an eligible education
6 program; (~~or~~)

7 (iv) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into
8 a professional-technical certificate program in an eligible education
9 program; or

10 (v) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into
11 an eligible advanced degree program and has agreed to the service
12 obligation established by the board;

13 (b) Declares an intention to obtain a professional-technical
14 certificate, professional-technical degree, (~~or~~) baccalaureate
15 degree(~~or~~), or an advanced degree; and

16 (c) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five
17 percent of the state median family income at the time the student
18 applies for an opportunity scholarship.

19 (9) "Gift aid" means financial aid received from the federal Pell
20 grant, the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise
21 scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW, the college bound
22 scholarship program in chapter 28B.118 RCW, the opportunity grant
23 program in chapter 28B.50 RCW, the opportunity scholarship program in
24 this chapter, or any other state grant, scholarship, or worker
25 retraining program that provides funds for educational purposes with
26 no obligation of repayment. "Gift aid" does not include student
27 loans, work-study programs, the basic food employment and training
28 program administered by the department of social and health services,
29 or other employment assistance programs that provide job readiness
30 opportunities and support beyond the costs of tuition, books, and
31 fees.

32 (10) "High employer demand program of study" has the same meaning
33 as provided in RCW 28B.50.030.

34 (11) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a
35 scholarship under the opportunity scholarship program.

36 (12) "Professional-technical certificate" means a program as
37 approved by the state board for community and technical colleges
38 under RCW 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of
39 higher education.

1 (13) "Professional-technical degree" means a program as approved
2 by the state board for community and technical colleges under RCW
3 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of higher
4 education.

5 (14) "Program administrator" means a private nonprofit
6 corporation registered under Title 24 RCW and qualified as a tax-
7 exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue
8 code.

9 (15) "Resident student" has the same meaning as provided in RCW
10 28B.15.012.

11 (16) "Rural jobs program" means the rural county high employer
12 demand jobs program created in this chapter.

13 (17) "Service obligation" means an obligation by the participant
14 to be employed in a service obligation area in the state for a
15 specific period to be established by the board.

16 (18) "Service obligation area" means a location that meets one of
17 the following conditions:

18 (a) Has been designated by the council as an eligible site under
19 the health professional conditional scholarship program established
20 under chapter 28B.115 RCW;

21 (b) Serves at least forty percent uninsured or medicaid enrolled
22 patients;

23 (c) Is located in a rural county as defined in RCW 82.14.370 and
24 serves a combination of uninsured, medicaid enrolled patients, and
25 medicare enrolled patients, equal to at least forty percent of the
26 practice location's total patients; or

27 (d) Serves a public agency, nonprofit organization, or local
28 health jurisdiction as defined in RCW 43.70.575 by providing public
29 health services necessary to preserve, protect, and promote the
30 health of the state's population, as determined by the board after
31 consultation with the department of health.

32 **Sec. 31.** RCW 28B.145.030 and 2018 c 209 s 8, 2018 c 204 s 2, and
33 2018 c 114 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) The program administrator shall provide administrative
35 support to execute the duties and responsibilities provided in this
36 chapter, including but not limited to publicizing the program,
37 selecting participants for the opportunity scholarship award,
38 distributing opportunity scholarship awards, and achieving the
39 maximum possible rate of return on investment of the accounts in

1 subsection (2) of this section, while ensuring transparency in the
2 investment decisions and processes. Duties, exercised jointly with
3 the board, include soliciting funds and setting annual fund-raising
4 goals. The program administrator shall be paid an administrative fee
5 as determined by the board.

6 (2) With respect to the opportunity scholarship program, the
7 program administrator shall:

8 (a) Establish and manage (~~three separate~~) the specified
9 accounts created in (b) of this subsection, into which to receive
10 grants and contributions from private sources as well as state
11 matching funds, and from which to disburse scholarship funds to
12 participants;

13 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private
14 sources, via direct payment, pledge agreement, or escrow account, of
15 private sources for deposit into any of the (~~three~~) specified
16 accounts created in this subsection (2)(b) upon the direction of the
17 donor and in accordance with this subsection (2)(b):

18 (i) The "scholarship account," whose principal may be invaded,
19 and from which scholarships must be disbursed for baccalaureate
20 programs beginning no later than December 1, 2011, if, by that date,
21 state matching funds in the amount of five million dollars or more
22 have been received. Thereafter, scholarships shall be disbursed on an
23 annual basis beginning no later than May 1, 2012, and every October
24 1st thereafter;

25 (ii) The "student support pathways account," whose principal may
26 be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for
27 professional-technical certificate or degree programs in the fiscal
28 year following appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter,
29 scholarships shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

30 (iii) The "advanced degrees pathways account," whose principal
31 may be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for
32 eligible advanced degree programs in the fiscal year following
33 appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter, scholarships
34 shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

35 (iv) The "endowment account," from which scholarship moneys may
36 be disbursed for baccalaureate programs from earnings only in years
37 when:

38 (A) The state match has been made into both the scholarship and
39 the endowment account; and

1 (B) The state appropriations for the ~~((state need grant))~~
2 Washington college promise scholarship under ~~((RCW 28B.92.010))~~
3 chapter 28B.92 RCW meet or exceed state appropriations for the
4 ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship made in
5 the 2011-2013 biennium, adjusted for inflation, and eligibility for
6 ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship
7 recipients is at least seventy percent of state median family income;

8 (v) An amount equal to at least fifty percent of all grants and
9 contributions must be deposited into the scholarship account until
10 such time as twenty million dollars have been deposited into the
11 scholarship account, after which time the private donors may
12 designate whether their contributions must be deposited to the
13 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the
14 advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment account(~~(s)~~). The
15 board and the program administrator must work to maximize private
16 sector contributions to ~~((the scholarship account, the student~~
17 ~~support pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, and~~
18 ~~the endowment account,))~~ these accounts to maintain a robust
19 scholarship program while simultaneously building the endowment, and
20 to determine the division between the ~~((scholarship, the student~~
21 ~~support pathways, the advanced degrees pathways, and the endowment))~~
22 accounts in the case of undesignated grants and contributions, taking
23 into account the need for a long-term funding mechanism and the
24 short-term needs of families and students in Washington. The first
25 five million dollars in state match, as provided in RCW 28B.145.040,
26 shall be deposited into the scholarship account and thereafter the
27 state match shall be deposited into the ~~((three))~~ specified accounts
28 created in this subsection (2)(b) in equal proportion to the private
29 funds deposited in each account, except that no more than one million
30 dollars in state match shall be deposited into the advanced degrees
31 pathways account in a single fiscal biennium; and

32 (vi) Once moneys in the opportunity scholarship match transfer
33 account are subject to an agreement under RCW 28B.145.050(5) and are
34 deposited in the scholarship account, the student support pathways
35 account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment
36 account under this section, the state acts in a fiduciary rather than
37 ownership capacity with regard to those assets. Assets in the
38 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the
39 advanced degrees pathways account, and the endowment account are not
40 considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the state;

1 (c) Provide proof of receipt of grants and contributions from
2 private sources to the council, identifying the amounts received by
3 name of private source and date, and whether the amounts received
4 were deposited into the scholarship account, the student support
5 pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the
6 endowment account((~~s~~));

7 (d) In consultation with the council and the state board for
8 community and technical colleges, make an assessment of the
9 reasonable annual eligible expenses associated with eligible
10 education programs and eligible advanced degree programs identified
11 by the board;

12 (e) Determine the dollar difference between tuition fees charged
13 by institutions of higher education in the 2008-09 academic year and
14 the academic year for which an opportunity scholarship is being
15 distributed;

16 (f) Develop and implement an application, selection, and
17 notification process for awarding opportunity scholarships;

18 (g) Determine the annual amount of the opportunity scholarship
19 for each selected participant. The annual amount shall be at least
20 one thousand dollars or the amount determined under (e) of this
21 subsection, but may be increased on an income-based, sliding scale
22 basis up to the amount necessary to cover all reasonable annual
23 eligible expenses as assessed pursuant to (d) of this subsection, or
24 to encourage participation in professional-technical certificate
25 programs, professional-technical degree programs, ((~~o~~))
26 baccalaureate degree programs, or eligible advanced degree programs
27 identified by the board;

28 (h) Distribute scholarship funds to selected participants. Once
29 awarded, and to the extent funds are available for distribution, an
30 opportunity scholarship shall be automatically renewed as long as the
31 participant annually submits documentation of filing both a free
32 application for federal student aid (FAFSA) and for available federal
33 education tax credits including, but not limited to, the American
34 opportunity tax credit, or if ineligible to apply for federal student
35 aid, the participant annually submits documentation of filing a state
36 financial aid application as approved by the office of student
37 financial assistance; and until the participant withdraws from or is
38 no longer attending the program, completes the program, or has taken
39 the credit or clock hour equivalent of one hundred twenty-five

1 percent of the published length of time of the participant's program,
2 whichever occurs first;

3 (i) Notify institutions of scholarship recipients who will attend
4 their institutions and inform them of the terms of the students'
5 eligibility;

6 (j) Establish a required service obligation for participants
7 enrolled in an eligible advanced degree program, and establish a
8 process for verifying a participant's employment in a service
9 obligation area; and

10 (k) Establish a repayment obligation and appeals process for
11 participants who serve less than the required service obligation,
12 unless the program administrator determines the circumstances are
13 beyond the participant's control. If the participant is unable to pay
14 the repayment obligation in full, the participant may enter into
15 payment arrangements with the program administrator. The program
16 administrator is responsible for the collection of repayment
17 obligations on behalf of participants who fail to complete their
18 service obligation.

19 (3) With respect to the opportunity expansion program, the
20 program administrator shall:

21 (a) Assist the board in developing and implementing an
22 application, selection, and notification process for making
23 opportunity expansion awards; and

24 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private
25 sources for opportunity expansion awards.

26 **Sec. 32.** RCW 28C.18.166 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 242 are each
27 amended to read as follows:

28 On an annual basis, each opportunity internship consortium shall
29 provide the board with a list of the opportunity internship graduates
30 from the consortium. The board shall compile the lists from all
31 consortia and shall notify the office of student financial assistance
32 of the eligibility of each graduate on the lists to receive a ((state
33 need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship under chapter
34 28B.92 RCW if the graduate enrolls in a postsecondary program of
35 study within one year of high school graduation.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The following acts or parts of acts are
37 each repealed:

- 1 (1) RCW 28B.92.010 (State need grant program established—Purpose)
2 and 2014 c 1 s 1, 2004 c 275 s 34, 1999 c 345 s 2, 1993 sp.s. c 18 s
3 2, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 7;
- 4 (2) RCW 28B.92.020 (State need grant program—Findings—Intent)
5 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 158, 2003 c 19 s 11, & 1999 c 345 s 1;
- 6 (3) RCW 28B.92.050 (Powers and duties of office) and 2011 1st
7 sp.s. c 11 s 161, 1999 c 345 s 4, 1989 c 254 s 3, & 1969 ex.s. c 222
8 s 11;
- 9 (4) RCW 28B.92.060 (State need grant awards) and 2012 c 229 s
10 558;
- 11 (5) RCW 28B.92.080 (Eligibility for state need grant) and 2015 c
12 121 s 1, 2012 c 229 s 605, 2009 c 238 s 9, 2007 c 404 s 1, 2004 c 275
13 s 39, 1999 c 345 s 6, 1989 c 254 s 5, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 13;
- 14 (6) RCW 28B.92.082 (Enhanced need grants—Eligibility) and 2012 c
15 229 s 560 & 2009 c 215 s 3;
- 16 (7) RCW 28B.92.084 (Eligibility of opportunity internship
17 graduates) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 163 & 2009 c 238 s 8;
- 18 (8) RCW 28B.119.005 (Intent—Finding) and 2002 c 204 s 1;
- 19 (9) RCW 28B.119.010 (Program design—Parameters) and 2013 c 39 s
20 12, 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 231, 2004 c 275 s 60, 2003 c 233 s 5, &
21 2002 c 204 s 2;
- 22 (10) RCW 28B.119.020 (Implementation and administration) and 2011
23 1st sp.s. c 11 s 232 & 2002 c 204 s 3;
- 24 (11) RCW 28B.119.030 (Funding for state need grant program not
25 impaired) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 233, 2004 c 275 s 71, & 2002 c
26 204 s 4;
- 27 (12) RCW 28B.119.040 (Requirements for students receiving home-
28 based instruction not affected) and 2002 c 204 s 5;
- 29 (13) RCW 28B.119.050 (Washington promise scholarship account) and
30 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 234 & 2002 c 204 s 6; and
- 31 (14) RCW 28B.119.900 (Effective date—2002 c 204) and 2002 c 204 s
32 9.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** Sections 1 through 4 and 7 through 33 of
34 this act take effect July 1, 2021."

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1 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "scholarship;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.92.030,
3 43.88C.010, 28B.10.790, 28B.12.030, 28B.92.040, 28B.92.065,
4 28B.15.065, 28B.15.740, 28B.15.760, 28B.15.762, 28B.15.820,
5 28B.116.010, 28A.180.120, 28B.76.502, 28B.76.525, 28B.76.526,
6 28B.76.540, 28B.76.699, 28B.77.020, 28B.117.020, 28B.118.090,
7 28B.133.010, 28B.133.020, and 28C.18.166; reenacting and amending RCW
8 28B.108.010, 28B.118.010, 28B.145.010, and 28B.145.030; adding new
9 sections to chapter 28B.92 RCW; repealing RCW 28B.92.010, 28B.92.020,
10 28B.92.050, 28B.92.060, 28B.92.080, 28B.92.082, 28B.92.084,
11 28B.119.005, 28B.119.010, 28B.119.020, 28B.119.030, 28B.119.040,
12 28B.119.050, and 28B.119.900; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: Modifies the entitlement to apply to students whose family incomes are at or below 110% of the federal poverty line. Maximum award is modified to be tuition and service and activities fees. Strikes language requiring prioritization of institutional aid for service and activities fees for promise recipients.

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