
HOUSE BILL 1066

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By Representatives Prentice, Prince, Jacobsen, Dellwo, Bray, Miller, Ludwig and Kremen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Hispanic American endowed scholarship
2 program; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the benefit
5 to our state and nation of providing equal educational opportunities
6 for all races and nationalities. The legislature finds that Hispanic
7 American students are underrepresented in Washington's colleges and
8 universities. The legislature also finds that past discriminatory
9 practices have resulted in this underrepresentation. Creating an
10 endowed scholarship program to help Hispanic American students obtain
11 a higher education will help to rectify past discrimination by
12 providing a means and an incentive for Hispanic American students to
13 pursue a higher education. The state will benefit from contributions
14 made by Hispanic Americans who participate in a program of higher
15 education.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
3 chapter.

4 (1) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
5 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by
6 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher
7 education coordinating board.

8 (2) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

9 (3) "Eligible student" or "student" means a Hispanic American
10 student as defined by the board in consultation with the advisory
11 committee described in section 4 of this act, who is a financially
12 needy student, as defined by the board, who is a resident student, as
13 defined by RCW 28B.15.012(2), who is a full-time student at an
14 institution of higher education, and who promises to use his or her
15 education to benefit other Hispanic Americans.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The Hispanic American endowed
17 scholarship program is created. The program shall be administered by
18 the board. In administering the program, the board's powers and duties
19 shall include but not be limited to:

20 (1) Selecting students to receive scholarships, with the assistance
21 of a screening committee composed of persons involved in helping
22 Hispanic American students obtain a higher education;

23 (2) Adopting necessary rules and guidelines;

24 (3) Publicizing the program;

25 (4) Accepting and depositing donations into the endowment fund
26 created in section 7 of this act;

27 (5) Requesting and accepting from the state treasurer moneys earned
28 from the trust fund and the endowment fund created in sections 6 and 7
29 of this act;

1 (6) Soliciting and accepting grants and donations from public and
2 private sources for the program; and

3 (7) Naming scholarships in honor of Hispanic Americans who have
4 acted as role models.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The board shall establish an advisory
6 committee to assist in program design and to develop criteria for the
7 screening and selection of scholarship recipients. The committee shall
8 be composed of persons involved in helping Hispanic American students
9 obtain higher education. The criteria shall include a priority for
10 upper-division or graduate students. The criteria may include a
11 priority for students who are majoring in program areas in which
12 expertise is needed by the state's Hispanic Americans.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The board may award scholarships to
14 eligible students from moneys earned from the endowment fund created in
15 section 7 of this act, or from funds appropriated to the board for this
16 purpose, or from any private donations, or from any other funds given
17 to the board for this program. For an undergraduate student, the
18 amount of the scholarship shall not exceed the student's demonstrated
19 financial need. For a graduate student, the amount of the scholarship
20 shall not exceed the student's demonstrated need or the stipend of a
21 teaching assistant, including tuition, at the University of Washington,
22 whichever is higher. In calculating a student's need, the board shall
23 consider the student's costs for tuition, fees, books, supplies,
24 transportation, room, board, personal expenses, and child care. The
25 student's scholarship awarded under this chapter shall not exceed the
26 amount received by a student attending a state research university. A
27 student is eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of five

1 years. However, the length of the scholarship shall be determined at
2 the discretion of the board.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The Hispanic American endowed
4 scholarship trust fund is established. The trust fund shall be
5 administered by the state treasurer. Funds appropriated by the
6 legislature for the trust fund shall be deposited into the fund. All
7 moneys deposited in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer.
8 Notwithstanding RCW 43.84.090, all earnings of investments of balances
9 of the trust fund shall be credited to the fund. At the request of the
10 board, and when conditions set forth in section 8 of this act are met,
11 the treasurer shall transfer state matching moneys and any earned
12 interest from the trust fund to the Hispanic American scholarship
13 endowment fund. No appropriation is required for expenditures from the
14 trust fund.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The Hispanic American scholarship
16 endowment fund is established. The endowment fund shall be
17 administered by the state treasurer. Moneys received from the board,
18 private donations, state matching moneys and any earned interest, and
19 funds received from any other source may be deposited into the
20 endowment fund. All moneys deposited in the endowment fund shall be
21 invested by the state treasurer. Notwithstanding RCW 43.84.090, all
22 earnings of investments of balances of the endowment fund shall be
23 credited to the endowment fund. At the request of the board, the
24 treasurer shall release earnings from the endowment fund to the board
25 for scholarships. No appropriation is required for expenditures from
26 the endowment fund.

1 The principal of the endowment fund shall not be invaded. The
2 earnings on the fund shall be used solely for the purposes set forth in
3 section 5 of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The board may request that the treasurer
5 deposit fifty thousand dollars of state matching funds and any earned
6 interest into the Hispanic American scholarship endowment fund when the
7 board can match the state funds with an equal amount of private cash
8 donations. Private cash donations means moneys from nonstate sources
9 that include, but are not limited to, federal moneys, and assessments
10 by commodity commissions authorized to conduct research activities,
11 including but not limited to research studies authorized under RCW
12 15.66.030 and 15.65.040.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall
14 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.