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1 AN ACT Relating to student scholarships; and adding a new chapter  
2 to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is of  
5 paramount importance to the state of Washington to encourage  
6 outstanding students to continue their higher education. By creating  
7 the community college conditional scholarship program, the legislature  
8 intends to assist the effort to retain students who have distinguished  
9 themselves through outstanding academic achievement in high school and  
10 students who can act as role models for children including those from  
11 lower economic or disadvantaged backgrounds. The legislature urges  
12 business, industry, and philanthropic community organizations to join  
13 with the state in making this program successful.

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

4        (1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
5 whole or in part if the recipient maintains the equivalent grade of at  
6 least a B average for each academic year in attendance at a community  
7 college or vocational school and completes their program of study at a  
8 community college within three years.

9        (2) "Community college" means a two-year college in the state of  
10 Washington which is accredited by an accrediting association and  
11 recognized as such by rule of the higher education coordination board.

12        (3) "Vocational school" means an institution that offers a  
13 vocational education as it is defined in RCW 28C.04.015.

14        (4) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

15        (5) "Eligible student" means a student who registers and completes  
16 at least twelve credit hours per academic quarter, or the equivalent,  
17 demonstrates achievement of at least the equivalent of a 3.0 grade  
18 point average for students entering a community college or vocational  
19 school directly from high school, is a needy student as defined in RCW  
20 28B.10.802, and is a resident student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012  
21 through 28B.15.015.

22        (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to complete  
23 a program at a community college or vocational school within three  
24 years with at least a 3.0 grade point average in lieu of repaying the  
25 loan.

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        The community college conditional  
2 scholarship program is established. The program shall be administered  
3 by the board. In administering the program, the board shall have the  
4 following powers and duties:

5        (1) Select students to receive conditional scholarships with the  
6 assistance of a screening committee composed of teachers and leaders in  
7 government, business, and education;

8        (2) Adopt rules and guidelines to implement this chapter;

9        (3) Publicize the program;

10       (4) Collect and manage repayments from students who do not meet  
11 their eligibility obligations under this chapter; and

12       (5) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public and private  
13 sources for the program.

14       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**        The board shall establish a planning  
15 committee to develop criteria for the screening and selection of  
16 recipients of the conditional scholarships. These criteria must  
17 emphasize factors demonstrating excellence including but not limited to  
18 superior scholastic achievement, leadership ability, community  
19 contributions, and the recipients must meet the definition of "needy  
20 student" under RCW 28B.10.802.

21       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        The board may award conditional  
22 scholarships to eligible students from the funds appropriated to the  
23 board for this purpose, or from any private donations, or any other  
24 funds given to the board for this program. The amount of the  
25 conditional scholarship awarded an individual shall not exceed one  
26 thousand five hundred dollars per academic year. Students are eligible  
27 to receive conditional scholarships for a maximum of three years.



1 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall  
2 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment  
3 if necessary, and shall be performed by entities approved for such  
4 servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its  
5 successor agency. The board is responsible to forgive all or parts of  
6 such repayments under the criteria established in this section and  
7 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

8 (7) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other  
9 subsidies to which the board as administrator is entitled, which are  
10 paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be  
11 deposited with the board and shall be used to cover the costs of  
12 granting the conditional scholarships, maintaining necessary records,  
13 and making collections under subsection (6) of this section. The board  
14 shall maintain accurate records of these costs, and all receipts beyond  
15 those necessary to pay such costs shall be used to grant conditional  
16 scholarships to eligible students.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The board shall report to the  
18 legislature on the effectiveness of the conditional loan program for  
19 community and vocational school students by December 1, 1994.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** After consulting with the board, the  
21 governor may transfer the administration of this program to another  
22 agency with an appropriate educational mission.

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

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If any provision of this act or its  
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.