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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5022**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Gaspard, Bailey, Rinehart, von Reichbauer, Murray, Conner and Erwin).

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1       AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence in education  
2 program; amending RCW 28A.625.030, 28A.625.050, and 28A.625.060;  
3 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.625.020; adding new sections to chapter  
4 28A.625 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating a new  
5 section; repealing RCW 28A.625.040, 28A.625.070, and 28B.15.547; making  
6 appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

8       **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.020 and 1990 c 77 s 1 and 1990 c 33 s 514 are  
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10       (~~(1)~~) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an  
11 annual award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers,  
12 principals, administrators, classified staff, school district  
13 superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions,  
14 and commitment to education. The program shall recognize annually:

1       ~~((a))~~ (1) Five teachers from each congressional district of the  
2 state. One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be  
3 a junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a  
4 secondary level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff  
5 associates;

6       ~~((b))~~ (2) Five principals or administrators from the state;

7       ~~((c))~~ (3) One school district superintendent from the state;

8       ~~((d))~~ (4) One school district board of directors from the state;

9 and

10       ~~((e))~~ (5) Three classified staff from each congressional district  
11 of the state.

12       ~~((Not more than three teachers, three classified staff, and three  
13 principals or administrators from each congressional district and one  
14 superintendent and one school board from the state may be recognized  
15 and receive awards in any school year.~~

16       ~~(2) The awards for teachers, classified staff, and principals or  
17 administrators shall include certificates presented by the governor and  
18 the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony or  
19 ceremonies in appropriate locations.~~

20       ~~(3) In addition to certificates under subsection (2) of this  
21 section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall  
22 include:~~

23       ~~(a) A waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 and a stipend  
24 not to exceed one thousand dollars to cover costs incurred in taking  
25 courses for which the tuition and fees have been waived under this  
26 subsection and RCW 28B.15.547. The stipend shall not be considered  
27 compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or~~

28       ~~(b) Teachers and principals or administrators, at their discretion,  
29 may elect to forego the waiver of tuition and fees and the stipend  
30 under subsection (3) of this section and apply for a grant not to~~

1 ~~exceed one thousand dollars, which grant shall be awarded under the~~  
2 ~~provisions of RCW 28A.625.060. Within one year of receiving the award~~  
3 ~~for excellence in education, teachers and principals or administrators~~  
4 ~~shall notify the superintendent of public instruction in writing of~~  
5 ~~their decision to apply for a grant or to receive the waiver of tuition~~  
6 ~~and fees and the stipend under subsection (3) of this section.)~~

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.625.030 and 1986 c 147 s 3 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 The award for teachers under the Washington award for excellence in  
10 education program shall be named the "Washington State Christa  
11 McAuliffe Award, in honor and memory of Sharon Christa Corrigan  
12 McAuliffe." As the first teacher and private citizen selected  
13 nationally to voyage into space, Christa McAuliffe exemplified what is  
14 exciting and positive about the teaching profession. Her contributions  
15 within the scope of the nation's education system helped to show that  
16 education can and should be a vital and dynamic experience for all  
17 participants. Christa McAuliffe's chosen profession encompasses  
18 learning by discovery and her desire to make new discoveries was  
19 reflected by her participation in the nation's space program.

20 The selection of Christa McAuliffe as the first teacher in space  
21 was directly linked to Washington state in that then superintendent of  
22 public instruction Dr. Frank Brouillet both appointed and served as a  
23 member of the national panel which selected Christa McAuliffe.

24 The tragic loss of the life of Christa McAuliffe on the flight of  
25 the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, will be remembered  
26 through the legacy she gave to her family, friends, relatives,  
27 students, colleagues, the education profession, and the nation: a  
28 model example of striving toward excellence.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.625

2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in  
4    education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the  
5    superintendent of public instruction, or their designated  
6    representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate  
7    locations.

8        (2) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this  
9    section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall  
10   include one of the following:

11        (a) Except as provided under section 6(1) of this act, an academic  
12   grant which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of  
13   higher education. The academic grant shall not exceed the current  
14   academic year full-time equivalent resident graduate tuition for  
15   courses taken at one of the state's research universities and shall not  
16   exceed the current academic year full-time resident graduate tuition  
17   for courses taken at one of the state's regional universities or The  
18   Evergreen State College. The academic grant shall not be considered  
19   compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

20        (b) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The  
21   stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW  
22   28A.400.200; or

23        (c) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The  
24   educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not  
25   be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

26        (3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this  
27   section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the  
28   following:

1 (a) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The  
2 stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW  
3 28A.400.200; or

4 (b) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The  
5 educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not  
6 be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

7 (4) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this  
8 section, the award for the school board shall include an educational  
9 grant not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The educational  
10 grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060.

11 (5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for  
12 excellence in education, teachers, principals or administrators, and  
13 the school district superintendent shall notify the superintendent of  
14 public instruction in writing of their decision to apply for an  
15 academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational grant as  
16 provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The  
17 superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of  
18 those recipients who select the academic grant.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) The dollar value of the academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of  
22 this act shall be the amount as provided under section 3(2)(a) of this  
23 act at the time the grant is awarded by the higher education  
24 coordinating board.

25 (2) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under section  
26 3(2)(a) of this act shall be completed within four years after the  
27 academic grant is received.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.625  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        Teachers and principals or administrators who receive a Washington  
4    award for excellence in education and who select the academic grant  
5    under section 3(2)(a) of this act shall receive thirty clock hours  
6    toward the one hundred fifty clock hours of continuing education  
7    required every five years by the state board of education:    PROVIDED,  
8    That the thirty clock hours shall be granted only if the courses are  
9    related to the recipient's responsibilities or assignments.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
11    to read as follows:

12        (1) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an  
13    academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of this act shall use the grant to  
14    attend a state institution of higher education.    The academic grant may  
15    be used for courses at an independent college or university in this  
16    state subject to the following requirements:

17        (a) "Institution of higher education" means:

18        (i) Any public university, college, community college, or  
19    vocational-technical institute operated by the state of Washington or  
20    any political subdivision thereof; or

21        (ii) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the  
22    state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level  
23    which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized  
24    by rule of the board.    Any institution, branch, extension, or facility  
25    operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an  
26    institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited  
27    member institution of an accrediting association recognized by the  
28    board.

1 (b) The academic grant shall not exceed the current academic year,  
2 full-time, resident, graduate tuition and services and activities fees  
3 in effect at the state-funded research universities.

4 (c) The academic grant shall be contingent upon the private  
5 institution matching on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with  
6 actual money or by waiver of fees, the amount of the academic grant  
7 received by the recipient from the state.

8 (d) The academic grant may not be used for any courses involved in  
9 a program that includes any religious worship, exercise, or the pursuit  
10 of any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic  
11 studies.

12 (2) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an  
13 academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of this act may use the grant for  
14 courses at a public or private higher education institution in another  
15 state or country subject to the following conditions:

16 (a) The institution has an exchange program with a public or  
17 private higher education institution in Washington and the exchange  
18 program is approved or recognized by the higher education coordinating  
19 board; or

20 (b) The institution is approved or recognized by the higher  
21 education coordinating board; and

22 (c) The recipient of the Washington award for excellence in  
23 education shall submit in writing to the higher education coordinating  
24 board an explanation of why the preferred course or courses are not  
25 available at a public or private institution in Washington.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

1 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules under  
2 chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the academic grants awarded under  
3 section 3(2)(a) of this act.

4 (2) The rules adopted by the board shall allow recipients who have  
5 begun to use the waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 prior  
6 to the effective date of this section, to take the remaining value of  
7 the waiver of tuition and fees in the form of the academic grant under  
8 section 3(2)(a) of this act.

9 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.625.050 and 1990 c 33 s 516 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under  
12 chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.010 through  
13 28A.625.070. These rules shall include establishing the selection  
14 criteria for the Washington award for excellence in education program.  
15 The superintendent (~~(of public instruction)~~) is encouraged to consult  
16 with teachers, educational staff associates, principals,  
17 administrators, classified employees, superintendents, and school board  
18 members in developing the selection criteria. Notwithstanding the  
19 provisions of RCW 28A.625.020(1) (~~((a) and (b))~~) and (2), such rules  
20 may allow for the selection of individuals whose teaching or  
21 administrative duties, or both, may encompass multiple grade level or  
22 building assignments, or both.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.625.060 and 1990 c 33 s 517 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Teachers (~~(and)~~), principals or administrators, and superintendents  
26 who have received an award for excellence in education (~~(under RCW~~  
27 ~~28A.625.020 shall be eligible)~~) and choose to apply for an educational  
28 grant (~~(in lieu of receiving a waiver of tuition and fees and a stipend~~

1 ~~as provided under RCW 28A.625.020(3).~~ The superintendent of public  
2 ~~instruction))~~ under section 3 of this act shall ~~((award))~~ be awarded  
3 the grant by the superintendent of public instruction as long as a  
4 written grant application is submitted to the superintendent ~~((of~~  
5 ~~public instruction))~~ within one year after the award was received. The  
6 grant application shall identify the educational purpose toward which  
7 the grant shall be used.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. (1) The superintendent of public  
9 instruction shall conduct a survey to determine the interest of  
10 classified employees in being provided the option of selecting an award  
11 as provided under section 3(2) of this act.

12 (2) The superintendent shall report to the legislature and the  
13 governor by December 1, 1991, on the results of the survey. The report  
14 shall include recommendations and costs.

15 (3) This section shall expire December 31, 1991.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The following acts or parts of acts are  
17 each repealed:

18 (1) RCW 28A.625.040 and 1990 c 33 s 515 & 1986 c 147 s 4;

19 (2) RCW 28A.625.070 and 1990 c 33 s 518 & 1986 c 147 s 8; and

20 (3) RCW 28B.15.547 and 1986 c 147 s 6.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. (1) The sum of sixty-three thousand  
22 seven hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is  
23 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general  
24 fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of  
25 this act.

26 (2) The sum of two hundred eight thousand four hundred twenty  
27 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for

1 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the higher  
2 education coordinating board for the purposes of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
6 effect immediately.