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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; creating new sections; and
2 making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) It is necessary to significantly
5 increase access to higher education by connecting citizens to college
6 campuses via cable television or satellite transmissions. Expanding on
7 the current Washington higher education technology system network will
8 increase interactive video or computer classes, telephone
9 communications, video conferencing, and reliable data transmission
10 between established campuses and underserved communities. This network
11 will expand current channel capacity on microwave and fiber optic links
12 from twenty-eight digital channels to ninety digital channels using a
13 technology called "synchronous optical network."

14 (2) The sum of thirty-two million dollars, or as much thereof as
15 may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30,
16 1997, from the state building construction account to the Washington
17 higher education network for the purposes under subsection (1) of this
18 section.

1 (3) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as
2 may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30,
3 1997, from the general fund to the Washington higher education network
4 for the purposes under subsection (1) of this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) It is necessary to make state need
6 grants available to nine thousand additional students in order for
7 these grants to serve students with incomes at sixty-five percent of
8 the median family income. Currently, students with incomes above
9 forty-five percent of median family income are not eligible for need
10 grants. In addition, it is necessary to allow two thousand five
11 hundred students to participate in work study, which helps students
12 with low and middle incomes meet college expenses while working in jobs
13 associated with their field of study.

14 (2) The sum of sixteen million six hundred thousand dollars, or as
15 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
16 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education
17 coordinating board for the purposes of the state need grant program.

18 (3) The sum of five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be
19 necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from
20 the general fund to the higher education coordinating board for the
21 purposes of the work study program.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) To meet increasing need and demand for
23 higher education enrollment it is necessary to increase student
24 enrollment by nine hundred additional students at two-year colleges and
25 by one thousand six hundred seven at four-year universities as set
26 forth under subsection (2) of this section.

27 (2) Enrollment increases at the four-year universities are as
28 follows:

29 (a) Five hundred seventy at the University of Washington with four
30 hundred seventy at Seattle, sixty at Tacoma, and forty at Bothell;

31 (b) Five hundred eighty-eight at the Washington State University
32 with four hundred thirteen at Pullman, one hundred forty-one in the
33 extended degree program, twenty-four in Spokane, and ten in the Tri-
34 Cities;

35 (c) One hundred forty-six at Central Washington University;

36 (d) Sixty at The Evergreen State College; and

37 (e) Two hundred forty-three at Western Washington University.

1 (3) The sum of sixteen million five hundred thousand dollars, or as
2 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
3 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the state's public
4 baccalaureate institutions and state board for community and technical
5 colleges for the purposes of increased enrollments under subsection (1)
6 of this section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Money appropriated in subsection (2) of
8 this section and matching funds from private sources will create
9 distinguished professorships and twenty graduate fellowships. These
10 distinguished professorships and graduate fellowships become
11 permanently endowed and provide a way to form partnerships between
12 public and private funds to increase the quality of higher education.

13 (2) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars, or as
14 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
15 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education
16 coordinating board for the purposes of distinguished professorships and
17 graduate fellowships under subsection (1) of this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Data indicate that more and more
19 distinguished faculty members are being lured away from Washington
20 universities to those in other states. Additional funding is necessary
21 for use by the University of Washington and Washington State University
22 to match or beat competitive offers and retain a quality faculty.

23 (2) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, or as
24 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
25 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the University of
26 Washington for the purposes under subsection (1) of this section.

27 (3) The sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much
28 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
29 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to Washington State University for
30 the purposes under subsection (1) of this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) Funding is needed for distribution by
32 the board for community and technical colleges to provide incentives
33 for institutions or groups of institutions to create more efficient and
34 effective ways to serve students.

35 (2) The sum of three million dollars, or as much thereof as may be
36 necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from

1 the general fund to the board of community and technical colleges for
2 the purposes under subsection (1) of this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
4 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
5 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher
6 education coordinating board for the purposes of a study of higher
7 education needs in north Snohomish county, Island county, and Skagit
8 county.

9 (2) The board is directed to explore and recommend innovative
10 approaches to providing educational programs. The study should be
11 completed by November 30, 1996.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
13 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
14 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education
15 coordinating board for the purposes of educational opportunity grants.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
17 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
18 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education
19 coordinating board for the sole purpose of two thousand dollar
20 community scholarship matching grants.

21 (2) To be eligible for the matching grant, a nonprofit community
22 organization, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue
23 code, must demonstrate that it has raised two thousand dollars in new
24 moneys for college scholarships after the effective date of this act.
25 No organization may receive more than one two thousand dollar matching
26 grant.

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