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1 On page 3, after line 33, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. RCW 28A.660.042 and 2017 c 237 s 19 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship
5 program is created. Participation is limited to paraeducators without
6 a college degree who have at least ~~((three))~~ one year~~((s))~~ of
7 classroom experience. It is anticipated that candidates enrolled in
8 this program will complete their associate of arts degree at a
9 community and technical college in ~~((two))~~ four years or less and
10 become eligible for an endorsement in a subject matter shortage area,
11 as defined by the professional educator standards board, via ~~((route~~
12 ~~one in the alternative routes to))~~ a teacher certification program
13 ~~((provided in this chapter))~~ approved by the professional educator
14 standards board.

15 (2) Entry requirements for candidates include district or
16 building validation of qualifications, including ~~((three))~~ one
17 year~~((s))~~ of successful student interaction and leadership as a
18 classified instructional employee.

19 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.660.050 and 2016 c 233 s 14 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
22 specific purpose, the conditional scholarship programs in this
23 chapter are created under the following guidelines:

24 (1) The programs shall be administered by the student achievement
25 council. In administering the programs, the council has the following
26 powers and duties:

27 (a) To adopt necessary rules and develop guidelines to administer
28 the programs;

29 (b) To collect and manage repayments from participants who do not
30 meet their service obligations; and

1 (c) To accept grants and donations from public and private
2 sources for the programs.

3 (2) Requirements for participation in the conditional scholarship
4 programs are as provided in this subsection (2).

5 (a) The alternative route conditional scholarship program is
6 limited to interns of professional educator standards board-approved
7 alternative route teacher certification programs (~~under RCW~~
8 ~~28A.660.040~~). For fiscal year 2011, priority must be given to fiscal
9 year 2010 participants in the alternative route partnership program.
10 In order to receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:

11 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment in an alternative route
12 teacher certification program through a professional educator
13 standards board-approved program;

14 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of
15 the alternative route teacher certification program and receipt of a
16 residency teaching certificate; and

17 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,
18 not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees,
19 and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and
20 transportation for the alternative route teacher certification
21 program in which the recipient is enrolled. The council may adjust
22 the annual award by the average rate of resident undergraduate
23 tuition and fee increases at the state universities as defined in RCW
24 28B.10.016.

25 (b) The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship
26 program is limited to qualified paraeducators as provided by RCW
27 28A.660.042. In order to receive conditional scholarship awards,
28 recipients shall:

29 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment at a community and
30 technical college for no more than (~~two~~) four years and attain an
31 associate of arts degree;

32 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of
33 an associate of arts degree. This progress requirement is a condition
34 for eligibility into a route one program of the alternative route
35 teacher certification program for an early childhood education,
36 elementary education, mathematics, computer science, special
37 education, bilingual education, or English as a second language
38 endorsement; and

39 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,
40 not to exceed four thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees,

1 and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and
2 transportation for the alternative route teacher certification
3 program in which the recipient is enrolled. The student achievement
4 council may adjust the annual award by the average rate of tuition
5 and fee increases at the state community and technical colleges.

6 (c) The educator retooling conditional scholarship program is
7 limited to current K-12 teachers. In order to receive conditional
8 scholarship awards:

9 (i) Individuals currently employed as teachers shall pursue an
10 endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as
11 defined by the professional educator standards board, including but
12 not limited to mathematics, science, special education, elementary
13 education, early childhood education, bilingual education, English
14 language learner, computer science education, or environmental and
15 sustainability education; or

16 (ii) Individuals who are certificated with an elementary
17 education endorsement shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or
18 geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional
19 educator standards board, including but not limited to mathematics,
20 science, special education, bilingual education, English language
21 learner, computer science education, or environmental and
22 sustainability education; and

23 (iii) Individuals shall use one of the pathways to endorsement
24 processes to receive an endorsement in a subject or geographic
25 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator
26 standards board, including but not limited to mathematics, science,
27 special education, bilingual education, English language learner,
28 computer science education, or environmental and sustainability
29 education, which shall include passing an endorsement test plus
30 observation and completing applicable coursework to attain the proper
31 endorsement; and

32 (iv) Individuals shall receive no more than the annual amount of
33 the scholarship, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for the cost
34 of tuition, test fees, and educational expenses, including books,
35 supplies, and transportation for the endorsement pathway being
36 pursued.

37 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
38 select individuals to receive conditional scholarships. In selecting
39 recipients, preference shall be given to eligible veterans or
40 national guard members. In awarding conditional scholarships to

1 support additional bilingual education or English language learner
2 endorsements, the board shall also give preference to teachers
3 assigned to schools required under state or federal accountability
4 measures to implement a plan for improvement, and to teachers
5 assigned to schools whose enrollment of English language learner
6 students has increased an average of more than five percent per year
7 over the previous three years.

8 (4) For the purpose of this chapter, a conditional scholarship is
9 a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part in exchange for service
10 as a certificated teacher employed in a Washington state K-12 public
11 school. The state shall forgive one year of loan obligation for every
12 two years a recipient teaches in a public school. Recipients who fail
13 to continue a course of study leading to residency teacher
14 certification or cease to teach in a public school in the state of
15 Washington in their endorsement area are required to repay the
16 remaining loan principal with interest.

17 (5) Recipients who fail to fulfill the required teaching
18 obligation are required to repay the remaining loan principal with
19 interest and any other applicable fees. The student achievement
20 council shall adopt rules to define the terms for repayment,
21 including applicable interest rates, fees, and deferments.

22 (6) The student achievement council may deposit all
23 appropriations, collections, and any other funds received for the
24 program in this chapter in the future teachers conditional
25 scholarship account authorized in RCW 28B.102.080.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 5 and 6, chapter . . ., Laws of
27 2019 (sections 5 and 6 of this act) take effect only if Engrossed
28 Substitute House Bill No. 1139, chapter . . ., Laws of 2019 is not
29 enacted."

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30 On page 1, beginning on line 1 of the title, after "28A.413.060"
31 strike the remainder of the title and insert ", 28A.413.070,
32 28A.660.042, and 28A.660.050; adding a new section to chapter 28A.413

1 RCW; creating a new section; and providing a contingent effective
2 date."

EFFECT: (1) Requires candidates for the pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship to have at least one year of classroom experience, as opposed to four.

(2) Establishes that candidates for the scholarship are expected to complete their associate of arts degree in no more than four years.

(3) Requires award recipients to maintain enrollment for no more than four years.

(4) Adds a contingency clause.

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