
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5393

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide free college program
 2 by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise
 3 scholarship; amending RCW 28B.92.030, 28B.15.820, 43.88C.010,
 4 28B.10.790, 28B.12.030, 28B.92.040, 28B.92.065, 28B.15.065,
 5 28B.15.740, 28B.15.760, 28B.15.762, 28B.116.010, 28A.180.120,
 6 28B.76.502, 28B.76.525, 28B.76.526, 28B.76.540, 28B.76.699,
 7 28B.77.020, 28B.117.020, 28B.118.090, 28B.133.010, 28B.133.020, and
 8 28C.18.166; reenacting and amending RCW 28B.108.010, 28B.118.010,
 9 28B.145.010, and 28B.145.030; adding new sections to chapter 28B.92
 10 RCW; repealing RCW 28B.92.010, 28B.92.020, 28B.92.050, 28B.92.060,
 11 28B.92.080, 28B.92.082, 28B.92.084, 28B.119.005, 28B.119.010,
 12 28B.119.020, 28B.119.030, 28B.119.040, 28B.119.050, and 28B.119.900;
 13 and providing an effective date.

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

15 **PART I**
 16 **CREATES THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP**
 17 **PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE STATE NEED GRANT PROGRAM**

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
 19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The legislature finds that individuals with a postsecondary
2 credential have a greater chance of earning a wage that can support
3 themselves and their families than if they do not obtain a
4 postsecondary credential. At the same time, Washington employers are
5 in need of many more individuals who possess postsecondary
6 qualifications. Access to postsecondary opportunities are vital to
7 ensure that more Washington high school graduates and working adults
8 can enter and complete a postsecondary program and compete for the
9 job opportunities available in the state.

10 (2) The legislature further finds that a statewide free college
11 program, for students who demonstrate financial need as defined in
12 section 3 of this act, is necessary to significantly reduce the
13 financial costs of obtaining a postsecondary credential. The
14 Washington college promise scholarship program is intended to
15 increase access to postsecondary opportunities for Washington
16 residents.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The Washington college promise scholarship program is created
20 to provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants
21 and greater access to postsecondary education for Washington
22 residents. The Washington college promise scholarship program is
23 intended to increase the number of high school graduates and adults
24 that can attain a postsecondary credential and provide them with the
25 qualifications needed to compete for job opportunities in Washington.

26 (2) The office of student financial assistance shall implement
27 and administer the Washington college promise scholarship program and
28 is authorized to establish rules necessary for implementation of the
29 program.

30 (3) Except as provided in subsection (13) of this section, the
31 legislature shall appropriate funding for the Washington college
32 promise scholarship program. Allocations must be made on the basis of
33 estimated eligible participants enrolled in eligible institutions of
34 higher education or apprenticeship programs. Except as provided in
35 subsection (13) of this section, all eligible students are entitled
36 to a Washington college promise scholarship.

37 (4) The office shall award Washington college promise
38 scholarships to all eligible students beginning in academic year
39 2021-22.

1 (5) To be eligible for the Washington college promise
2 scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

3 (a) Demonstrate financial need under section 3 of this act;

4 (b) (i) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment for at least three
5 quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits at an institution
6 of higher education in Washington as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; or

7 (ii) Be enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program approved
8 under chapter 49.04 RCW;

9 (c) (i) Be a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a)
10 through (e); or

11 (ii) Be a student who has:

12 (A) Completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a
13 high school diploma, or the equivalent, either at a Washington public
14 high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195
15 RCW;

16 (B) Lived in Washington state for at least three years
17 immediately before receiving the diploma or its equivalent;

18 (C) Continuously lived in Washington state after receiving the
19 diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is
20 admitted to an eligible institution of higher education; and

21 (D) Been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status
22 pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the United States
23 citizenship and immigration services;

24 (d) File an annual application for financial aid as approved by
25 the office; and

26 (e) Must not have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a
27 postsecondary institution.

28 (6) Washington college promise scholarship eligibility may not
29 extend beyond five years or one hundred twenty-five percent of the
30 published length of the program in which the student is enrolled or
31 the credit or clock-hour equivalent.

32 (7) Institutional aid administrators shall determine whether a
33 student eligible for the Washington college promise scholarship in a
34 given academic year may remain eligible for the ensuing year if the
35 student's family income increases by no more than three percent.

36 (8) Qualifications for receipt and renewal include maintaining
37 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible
38 program as determined by the office and established in rule.

39 (9) Should a recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any
40 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the

1 scholarship shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by
2 the institution of higher education according to the institution of
3 higher education's policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in
4 RCW 28B.92.070.

5 (10) An eligible student enrolled on a part-time basis shall
6 receive a prorated portion of the Washington college promise
7 scholarship for any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on
8 a part-time basis.

9 (11) The Washington college promise scholarship is intended to be
10 used to meet the costs of postsecondary education for students with
11 financial need. The student shall be awarded all need-based financial
12 aid for which the student qualifies as determined by the institution.

13 (12) Students and participating institutions of higher education
14 shall comply with all the rules adopted by the council for the
15 administration of this chapter.

16 (13) The requirements in subsection (3) of this section do not
17 apply in a fiscal year immediately following a five quarter period in
18 which personal income declined in at least two consecutive quarters,
19 according to the economic revenue and forecast council's published
20 economic forecasts.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in
24 this chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to
25 receive the Washington college promise scholarship. For the purposes
26 of this act, students who demonstrate financial need are students
27 with family incomes at or below seventy percent of the state median
28 family income, adjusted for family size.

29 (2) Students with family incomes between zero and fifty percent
30 of the state median family income shall receive the maximum
31 Washington college promise scholarship award as defined in RCW
32 28B.92.030. Awards for students with incomes between fifty-one and
33 seventy percent of the state median family income shall be prorated
34 at the following percentages of the maximum Washington college
35 promise scholarship award amount granted to those with incomes below
36 fifty-one percent of the state median family income:

37 (a) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between
38 fifty-one and fifty-five percent of the state median family income;

1 (b) Sixty-five percent for students with family incomes between
2 fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income;

3 (c) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-
4 one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income; and

5 (d) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-
6 six and seventy percent of the state median family income.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2013 c 248 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 As used in this chapter:

10 (1) "Council" means the student achievement council.

11 (2) (~~"Disadvantaged student" means a posthigh school student who~~
12 ~~by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,~~
13 ~~experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify~~
14 ~~for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution of higher~~
15 ~~education, who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is~~
16 ~~attending an institution of higher education under an established~~
17 ~~program designed to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time~~
18 ~~student.~~

19 ~~(3))~~ "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to ~~((needy))~~
20 students who demonstrate financial need enrolled or accepted for
21 enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

22 (3) "Financial need" means a demonstrated financial inability to
23 bear the total cost of education as directed in rule by the office.

24 (4) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

25 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
26 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any
27 political subdivision thereof; or

28 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
29 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
30 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
31 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that
32 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW
33 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility
34 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an
35 institution operating in another state must be:

36 (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such
37 accrediting association;

38 (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting
39 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this

1 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
2 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
3 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty
4 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual
5 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;
6 (~~(e)~~)

7 (iii) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of
8 Washington as provided in RCW 28B.77.240; or

9 (iv) An approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW.

10 (5) (~~("Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an~~
11 ~~institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the~~
12 ~~financial inability, either through the student's parents, family~~
13 ~~and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and~~
14 ~~tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy~~
15 ~~student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by~~
16 ~~RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as~~
17 ~~defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high school~~
18 ~~graduation.)) "Maximum Washington college promise scholarship award":~~

19 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of
20 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, is tuition for fifteen
21 quarter credit hours or the equivalent, as determined by the office,
22 including operating fees and building fees.

23 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of
24 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum
25 Washington college promise scholarship award under (a) of this
26 subsection, or individual institution tuition for fifteen quarter
27 credit hours or the equivalent.

28 (c) For students attending two-year private institutions of
29 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum
30 Washington college promise scholarship award at a community or
31 technical college or individual institution tuition for fifteen
32 quarter credit hours or the equivalent.

33 (d) For students attending approved apprenticeship programs, is
34 tuition and fees, as determined by the office, in addition to
35 required program supplies and equipment.

36 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

37 (~~(7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to~~
38 ~~complete a college program because of family or employment~~
39 ~~commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar~~
40 ~~factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced~~

1 ~~student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an~~
2 ~~eligible institution.))~~

3 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.15.820 and 2009 c 215 s 9 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Each institution of higher education, including technical
6 colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of
7 revenues collected from tuition and services and activities fees in
8 an institutional financial aid fund that is hereby created and which
9 shall be held locally. Beginning in academic year 2021-22, moneys in
10 the fund must first be used to cover the cost of the services and
11 activities fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.041 for Washington college
12 promise scholarship recipients. Remaining moneys in the fund shall be
13 used only for the following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-
14 term loans to eligible students as provided in subsections (3)
15 through (8) of this section; (b) to make short-term loans as provided
16 in subsection (9) of this section; (c) to provide financial aid to
17 ~~((needy))~~ students who demonstrate financial need as provided in
18 subsection (10) of this section; or (d) to provide financial aid to
19 students as provided in subsection (11) of this section.

20 (2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3)
21 through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at
22 least three credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for
23 resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and
24 28B.15.013, and who is a ~~((needy))~~ student ~~(("))~~ who demonstrates
25 financial need as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

26 (3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this
27 section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the
28 student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions
29 which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan
30 program established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or
31 hereafter amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the
32 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.
33 Institutions are hereby granted full authority to operate as an
34 eligible lender under the guaranteed loan program.

35 (4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each
36 institution shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the
37 loan based on factors which include, but are not limited to, the
38 student's accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment
39 opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the

1 student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the
2 student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the
3 availability of other forms of financial aid.

4 (5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed
5 long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due
6 diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to
7 insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate
8 with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty
9 association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection
10 of guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the
11 loans is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-
12 term loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved
13 for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty
14 association or its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be
15 permitted to perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do
16 so by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its
17 successor agency. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term
18 loans made by community colleges under subsection (1) of this section
19 shall be coordinated by the state board for community and technical
20 colleges and shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state
21 board.

22 (6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other
23 subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are
24 paid by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3)
25 through (8) of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's
26 financial aid fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the
27 guaranteed long-term loans under this section and maintaining
28 necessary records and making collections under subsection (5) of this
29 section: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not exceed five percent of
30 aggregate outstanding loan principal. Institutions shall maintain
31 accurate records of such costs, and all receipts beyond those
32 necessary to pay such costs, shall be deposited in the institution's
33 financial aid fund.

34 (7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
35 universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board
36 for community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community
37 colleges and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and
38 regulations to implement this section.

39 (8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under
40 this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally

1 have access to educational loans from private financial institutions
2 in Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary
3 markets in the support of loan consolidation.

4 (9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from
5 the institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the
6 institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known
7 by the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of
8 any outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if
9 the institution has ample evidence that the student has the
10 capability of repaying the loan within the time frame specified by
11 the institution for repayment.

12 (10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
13 that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used
14 by the institution for locally administered financial aid programs
15 for (~~needy~~) students who demonstrate financial need, such as need-
16 based institutional employment programs or need-based tuition and fee
17 scholarship or grant programs. These funds shall be used in addition
18 to and not to replace institutional funds that would otherwise
19 support these locally administered financial aid programs. First
20 priority in the use of these funds shall be given to (~~needy~~)
21 students who demonstrate financial need and have accumulated
22 excessive educational loan burdens. An excessive educational loan
23 burden is a burden that will be difficult to repay given employment
24 opportunities and average starting salaries in the student's chosen
25 fields of study. Second priority in the use of these funds shall be
26 given to (~~needy~~) single parents who are students who demonstrate
27 financial need, to assist these students with their educational
28 expenses, including expenses associated with child care and
29 transportation.

30 (11) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund
31 may be used by the institution for a locally administered financial
32 aid program for high school students enrolled in dual credit
33 programs. If institutions use funds in this manner, the governing
34 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
35 Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and
36 technical colleges shall each adopt necessary rules to implement this
37 subsection. Moneys from this fund may be used for all educational
38 expenses related to a student's participation in a dual credit
39 program including but not limited to tuition, fees, course materials,
40 and transportation.

PART II
CASELOAD FORECAST

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92 RCW to read as follows:

The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated caseload of the Washington college promise scholarship program and submit the caseload forecast as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

Sec. 7. RCW 43.88C.010 and 2018 c 208 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers as the members deem necessary.

(2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

(3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of this section.

(4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by the council.

(5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions specified by the member.

1 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
2 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
3 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the
4 council or on official business authorized by the council.
5 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel
6 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

7 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

8 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement
9 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,
10 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
11 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common
12 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
13 adoption support;

14 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
15 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an
16 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

17 (c) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
18 college promise scholarship program under section 2 of this act and
19 are expected to attend an institution of higher education as defined
20 in RCW 28B.92.030; and

21 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW
22 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually
23 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

24 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
25 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
26 programs as a courtesy.

27 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth
28 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW
29 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster
30 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

31 (10) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the number of
32 youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation services while
33 involved in the foster care system and the number of screened in
34 reports of child abuse or neglect.

35 (11) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
36 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

37 **PART III**

38 **UPDATING REFERENCES**

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 2012 c 229 s 518 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or
4 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with
5 the state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial
6 aid program outlined in chapter 28B.92 RCW if:

7 (1) They qualify as a ("needy student") student who
8 demonstrates financial need as defined under RCW 28B.92.030(~~(4)~~);
9 and

10 (2) The institution attended is a member institution of an
11 accrediting association recognized by rule of the student achievement
12 council for the purposes of this section and is specifically
13 encompassed within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement
14 and agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations
15 pertaining to such students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW
16 28B.92.150.

17 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.12.030 and 2017 c 52 s 1 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (~~As used~~) The definitions in this section apply throughout this
20 chapter(~~, the following words and terms shall have the following~~
21 ~~meanings,~~) unless the context (~~shall~~) clearly (~~indicate another~~
22 ~~or different meaning or intent:~~) requires otherwise.

23 (1) (~~The term "needy student" shall mean a student enrolled or~~
24 ~~accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary institution who, according~~
25 ~~to a system of need analysis approved by the office of student~~
26 ~~financial assistance, demonstrates a financial inability, either~~
27 ~~parental, familial, or personal, to bear the total cost of education~~
28 ~~for any semester or quarter.~~

29 (~~2) The term~~) "Eligible institution" (~~shall~~) means any
30 postsecondary institution in this state accredited by the Northwest
31 Association of Schools and Colleges, or a campus of a member
32 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the
33 student achievement council for purposes of this section, that is
34 eligible for federal student financial aid assistance and has
35 operated as a nonprofit college or university delivering on-site
36 classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty consecutive years
37 within the state of Washington, or any public technical college in
38 the state.

39 (2) "Financial need" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.92.030.

1 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.92.040 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 160 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 The office shall be cognizant of the following guidelines in the
4 performance of its duties:

5 (1) The office shall be research oriented, not only at its
6 inception but continually through its existence.

7 (2) The office shall coordinate all existing programs of
8 financial aid except those specifically dedicated to a particular
9 institution by the donor.

10 (3) The office shall take the initiative and responsibility for
11 coordinating all federal student financial aid programs to ensure
12 that the state recognizes the maximum potential effect of these
13 programs, and shall design state programs that complement existing
14 federal, state, and institutional programs. (~~The office shall ensure
15 that state programs continue to follow the principle that state
16 financial aid funding follows the student to the student's choice of
17 institution of higher education.~~)

18 (4) Counseling is a paramount function of the (~~state need
19 grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program and other
20 state student financial aid programs, and in most cases could only be
21 properly implemented at the institutional levels; therefore, state
22 student financial aid programs shall be concerned with the attainment
23 of those goals which, in the judgment of the office, are the reasons
24 for the existence of a student financial aid program, and not solely
25 with administration of the program on an individual basis.

26 (5) The "package" approach of combining loans, grants and
27 employment for student financial aid shall be the conceptual element
28 of the state's involvement.

29 (6) The office shall ensure that allocations of state
30 appropriations for financial aid are made to individuals and
31 institutions in a timely manner and shall closely monitor
32 expenditures to avoid under or overexpenditure of appropriated funds.

33 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.92.065 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 4 are each
34 amended to read as follows:

35 Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each
36 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from
37 section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. will allow the
38 legislature to reduce (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise
39 scholarship program appropriations by an equal amount from the

1 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts. The legislature does not intend to
2 reduce award levels for private colleges and universities below the
3 2014-15 academic year levels.

4 ~~((By reducing the overall cost of tuition, the legislature in
5 future biennia is better able and intends to serve those students
6 currently eligible but unserved in the state need grant.))~~

7 **Sec. 12.** RCW 28B.15.065 and 1977 ex.s. c 322 s 6 are each
8 amended to read as follows:

9 It is the intent of the legislature that ~~((needy))~~ students who
10 demonstrate financial need not be deprived of access to higher
11 education due to increases in educational costs or consequent
12 increases in tuition and fees. It is the sense of the legislature
13 that state appropriations for student financial aid be adjusted in an
14 amount which together with funds estimated to be available in the
15 form of basic educational opportunity grants as authorized under
16 Section 411 of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 as now or
17 hereafter amended will equal twenty-four percent of any change in
18 revenue estimated to occur as a result of revisions in tuition and
19 fee levels under the provisions of chapter 322, Laws of 1977 ex.
20 sess.

21 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.15.740 and 2015 c 55 s 223 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
24 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
25 Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may
26 waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for ~~((needy))~~ students who
27 demonstrate financial need and are eligible for resident tuition and
28 fee rates pursuant to RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013. Subject to the
29 limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state
30 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,
31 and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion
32 of tuition and fees for other students at the discretion of the
33 governing boards, except on the basis of participation in
34 intercollegiate athletic programs, not to exceed three-fourths of one
35 percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue under RCW
36 28B.15.910 for the community and technical colleges considered as a
37 whole and not to exceed two percent of gross authorized operating
38 fees revenue for the other institutions of higher education.

1 (2) In addition to the tuition and fee waivers provided in
2 subsection (1) of this section and subject to the provisions of RCW
3 28B.15.455, 28B.15.460, and 28B.15.910, a total dollar amount of
4 tuition and fee waivers awarded by any state university, regional
5 university, or state college under this chapter, not to exceed one
6 percent, as calculated in subsection (1) of this section, may be used
7 for the purpose of achieving or maintaining gender equity in
8 intercollegiate athletic programs. At any institution that has an
9 underrepresented gender class in intercollegiate athletics, any such
10 waivers shall be awarded:

11 (a) First, to members of the underrepresented gender class who
12 participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers result
13 in saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs
14 for the underrepresented gender class. Such saved or displaced money
15 shall be used for programs for the underrepresented gender class; and

16 (b) Second, (i) to nonmembers of the underrepresented gender
17 class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such
18 waivers result in saved or displaced money that can be used for
19 athletic programs for members of the underrepresented gender class.
20 Such saved or displaced money shall be used for programs for the
21 underrepresented gender class; or (ii) to members of the
22 underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate
23 athletics, where such waivers do not result in any saved or displaced
24 money that can be used for athletic programs for members of the
25 underrepresented gender class.

26 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28B.15.760 and 2012 c 229 s 528 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
29 this section apply throughout RCW 28B.15.762 and 28B.15.764.

30 (1) "Borrower" means an eligible student who has received a loan
31 under RCW 28B.15.762.

32 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

33 (3) "Eligible student" means a student registered for at least
34 ten credit hours or the equivalent and demonstrates achievement of a
35 3.00 grade point average for each academic year, who is a resident
36 student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, who is a
37 (~~"needy"~~) student (~~("")~~) who demonstrates financial need as defined in
38 RCW 28B.92.030, and who has a declared major in a program leading to
39 a degree in teacher education in a field of science or mathematics,

1 or a certificated teacher who meets the same credit hour and (~~"needy~~
2 ~~student"~~) financial eligibility requirements and is seeking an
3 additional degree in science or mathematics.

4 (4) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" means to collect service as a
5 teacher in a field of science or mathematics at a public school in
6 the state of Washington in lieu of monetary payment.

7 (5) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
8 college or university in the state of Washington which is a member
9 institution of an accrediting association recognized as such by rule
10 of the council.

11 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

12 (7) "Public school" means a middle school, junior high school, or
13 high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX
14 of the state Constitution.

15 (8) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

16 **Sec. 15.** RCW 28B.15.762 and 2012 c 229 s 529 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The council may make long-term loans to eligible students at
19 institutions of higher education from the funds appropriated to the
20 council for this purpose. The amount of any such loan shall not
21 exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student or two thousand
22 five hundred dollars for each academic year whichever is less, and
23 the total amount of such loans to an eligible student shall not
24 exceed ten thousand dollars. The interest rates and terms of deferral
25 of such loans shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed
26 loan program established by 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq. The period
27 for repaying the loan principal and interest shall be ten years with
28 payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the
29 borrower graduated. The entire principal and interest of each loan
30 payment shall be forgiven for each payment period in which the
31 borrower teaches science or mathematics in a public school in this
32 state until the entire loan is satisfied or the borrower ceases to
33 teach science or mathematics at a public school in this state. Should
34 the borrower cease to teach science or mathematics at a public school
35 in this state before the time in which the principal and interest on
36 the loan are satisfied, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the
37 principal and interest on the loan shall begin the next payment
38 period and continue until the remainder of the loan is paid.

1 (2) The council is responsible for collection of loans made under
2 subsection (1) of this section and shall exercise due diligence in
3 such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that
4 maximum repayments are made. Collection and servicing of loans under
5 subsection (1) of this section shall be pursued using the full extent
6 of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be
7 performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington
8 student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. The
9 council is responsible to forgive all or parts of such loans under
10 the criteria established in subsection (1) of this section and shall
11 maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

12 (3) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any
13 other subsidies to which the council as lender is entitled, which are
14 paid by or on behalf of borrowers under subsection (1) of this
15 section, shall be deposited with the office and shall be used to
16 cover the costs of making the loans under subsection (1) of this
17 section, maintaining necessary records, and making collections under
18 subsection (2) of this section. The office shall maintain accurate
19 records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to
20 pay such costs shall be used to make loans to eligible students.

21 (4) Any funds not used to make loans, or to cover the cost of
22 making loans or making collections, shall be placed in the state
23 educational trust fund for (~~needy or disadvantaged~~) students who
24 demonstrate financial need.

25 (5) The council shall adopt necessary rules to implement this
26 section.

27 **Sec. 16.** RCW 28B.108.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 191 are each
28 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

29 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
30 this section apply throughout this chapter.

31 (1) "Eligible student" or "student" means an American Indian who
32 is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial need,
33 as defined in RCW 28B.92.030, who is a resident student, as defined
34 by RCW 28B.15.012(2), who is a full-time student at an institution of
35 higher education, and who promises to use his or her education to
36 benefit other American Indians.

37 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
38 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited

1 by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the
2 council for higher education.

3 (3) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

4 **Sec. 17.** RCW 28B.116.010 and 2013 c 39 s 10 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with the
9 attendance of the institution of higher education as determined by
10 the office of student financial assistance, including but not limited
11 to tuition, room, board, and books.

12 (2) "Eligible student" means a student who:

13 (a) Is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three;

14 (b) Has been in foster care in the state of Washington for a
15 minimum of six months since his or her fourteenth birthday;

16 (c) Is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial
17 need, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

18 (d) Is a resident student, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2);

19 (e) Has entered or will enter an institution of higher education
20 in Washington state within three years of high school graduation or
21 having successfully completed his or her high school equivalency
22 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;

23 (f) Is not pursuing a degree in theology; and

24 (g) Makes satisfactory progress towards the completion of a
25 degree or certificate program.

26 (3) "Institution of higher education" means a college or
27 university in the state of Washington that is accredited by an
28 accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the student
29 achievement council.

30 (4) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

31 **Sec. 18.** RCW 28A.180.120 and 2017 c 236 s 4 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 In 2017, funds must be appropriated for the purposes in this
34 section.

35 (1) The professional educator standards board, beginning in the
36 2017-2019 biennium, shall administer the bilingual educator
37 initiative, which is a long-term program to recruit, prepare, and

1 mentor bilingual high school students to become future bilingual
2 teachers and counselors.

3 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, pilot projects must be implemented in one or two
5 school districts east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
6 or two school districts west of the crest of the Cascade mountains,
7 where immigrant students are shown to be rapidly increasing.
8 Districts selected by the professional educator standards board must
9 partner with at least one two-year and one four-year college in
10 planning and implementing the program. The professional educator
11 standards board shall provide oversight.

12 (3) Participating school districts must implement programs,
13 including: (a) An outreach plan that exposes the program to middle
14 school students and recruits them to enroll in the program when they
15 begin their ninth grade of high school; (b) activities in ninth and
16 tenth grades that help build student agency, such as self-confidence
17 and awareness, while helping students to develop academic mind-sets
18 needed for high school and college success; the value and benefits of
19 teaching and counseling as careers; and introduction to leadership,
20 civic engagement, and community service; (c) credit-bearing curricula
21 in grades eleven and twelve that include mentoring, shadowing, best
22 practices in teaching in a multicultural world, efficacy and practice
23 of dual language instruction, social and emotional learning, enhanced
24 leadership, civic engagement, and community service activities.

25 (4) There must be a pipeline to college using two-year and four-
26 year college faculty and consisting of continuation services for
27 program participants, such as advising, tutoring, mentoring,
28 financial assistance, and leadership.

29 (5) High school and college teachers and counselors must be
30 recruited and compensated to serve as mentors and trainers for
31 participating students.

32 (6) After obtaining a high school diploma, students qualify to
33 receive conditional loans to cover the full cost of college tuition,
34 fees, and books. To qualify for funds, students must meet program
35 requirements as developed by their local implementation team, which
36 consists of staff from their school district and the partnering two-
37 year and four-year college faculty.

38 (7) In order to avoid loan repayment, students must (a) earn
39 their baccalaureate degree and certification needed to serve as a
40 teacher or professional guidance counselor; and (b) teach or serve as

1 a counselor in their educational service district region for at least
2 five years. Students who do not meet the repayment terms in this
3 subsection are subject to repaying all or part of the financial aid
4 they receive for college unless students are recipients of funding
5 provided through programs such as the (~~state need grant~~) Washington
6 college promise scholarship program or the college bound scholarship
7 program.

8 (8) Grantees must work with the professional educator standards
9 board to draft the report required in section 6, chapter 236, Laws of
10 2017.

11 (9) The professional educator standards board may adopt rules to
12 implement this section.

13 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28B.76.502 and 2017 c 177 s 1 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The office must provide a financial aid counseling curriculum
16 to institutions of higher education with (~~state need grant~~)
17 Washington college promise scholarship recipients. The curriculum
18 must be available via a web site. The curriculum must include, but
19 not be limited to:

20 (a) An explanation of the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college
21 promise scholarship program rules, including maintaining satisfactory
22 progress, repayment rules, and usage limits;

23 (b) Information on campus and private scholarships and work-study
24 opportunities, including the application processes;

25 (c) An overview of student loan options with an emphasis on the
26 repayment obligations a student borrower assumes regardless of
27 program completion, including the likely consequences of default and
28 sample monthly repayment amounts based on a range of student levels
29 of indebtedness;

30 (d) An overview of personal finance, including basic money
31 management skills such as living within a budget and handling credit
32 and debt;

33 (e) Average salaries for a wide range of jobs;

34 (f) Financial education that meets the needs of, and includes
35 perspectives from, a diverse group of students who are or were
36 recipients of financial aid, including student loans, who may be
37 trained by the financial education public-private partnership; and

38 (g) Contact information for local financial aid resources and the
39 federal student aid ombuds' office.

1 (2) By the 2013-14 academic year, the institution of higher
2 education must take reasonable steps to ensure that each (~~state need~~
3 ~~grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship recipient receives
4 information outlined in subsection (1)(a) through (g) of this section
5 by directly referencing or linking to the web site on the conditions
6 of award statement provided to each recipient.

7 (3) By July 1, 2013, the office must disseminate the curriculum
8 to all institutions of higher education participating in the (~~state~~
9 ~~need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program. The
10 institutions of higher education may require (~~nonstate need grant~~
11 ~~recipients~~) students who are not participating in the Washington
12 college promise scholarship program to participate in all or portions
13 of the financial aid counseling.

14 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
15 specific purpose, by the 2017-18 academic year, each institution of
16 higher education must take reasonable steps to ensure that the
17 institution presents, and each incoming student participates in, a
18 financial education workshop. The scope of the workshop must include,
19 but is not limited to, the information outlined in subsection (1)(b)
20 through (g) of this section, and include recommendations by the
21 financial education public-private partnership. The institutions are
22 encouraged to present these workshops during student orientation or
23 as early as possible in the academic year.

24 **Sec. 20.** RCW 28B.76.525 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 110 are each
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (1) The state financial aid account is created in the custody of
27 the state treasurer. The primary purpose of the account is to ensure
28 that all appropriations designated for financial aid through
29 statewide student financial aid programs are made available to
30 eligible students. The account shall be a nontreasury account.

31 (2) The office shall deposit in the account all money received
32 for the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship
33 program (~~established under RCW 28B.92.010~~) created under section 2
34 of this act, the state work-study program established under chapter
35 28B.12 RCW, the Washington scholars program established under RCW
36 28A.600.110, the Washington award for vocational excellence program
37 established under RCW 28C.04.525, and the educational opportunity
38 grant program established under chapter 28B.101 RCW. The account
39 shall consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the

1 programs listed in this subsection and private contributions to the
2 programs. Moneys deposited in the account do not lapse at the close
3 of the fiscal period for which they were appropriated. Both during
4 and after the fiscal period in which moneys were deposited in the
5 account, the office may expend moneys in the account only for the
6 purposes for which they were appropriated, and the expenditures are
7 subject to any other conditions or limitations placed on the
8 appropriations.

9 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships
10 to students eligible for the programs according to program rules and
11 policies.

12 (4) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations
13 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

14 (5) Only the director of the office or the director's designee
15 may authorize expenditures from the account.

16 **Sec. 21.** RCW 28B.76.526 and 2018 c 232 s 10 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The Washington opportunity pathways account is created in the
19 state treasury. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
20 programs in chapter 28A.710 RCW (charter schools), chapter 28B.12 RCW
21 (state work-study), chapter 28B.50 RCW (opportunity grant), RCW
22 28B.76.660 (Washington scholars award), RCW 28B.76.670 (Washington
23 award for vocational excellence), chapter 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need
24 grant))~~) Washington college promise scholarship program), chapter
25 28B.105 RCW (GET ready for math and science scholarship), chapter
26 28B.117 RCW (passport to careers), chapter 28B.118 RCW (college bound
27 scholarship), (~~(chapter 28B.119 RCW (Washington promise
28 scholarship),~~) and chapter (~~(43.215)~~) 43.216 RCW (early childhood
29 education and assistance program).

30 **Sec. 22.** RCW 28B.76.540 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 111 are each
31 amended to read as follows:

32 In addition to administrative responsibilities assigned in this
33 chapter, the office shall administer the programs set forth in the
34 following statutes: RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 (Washington
35 scholars); chapter 28B.85 RCW (degree-granting institutions); chapter
36 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need grant))~~) Washington college promise
37 scholarship); chapter 28B.12 RCW (work-study); RCW 28B.15.543
38 (~~((tuition waivers for Washington scholars))~~) grants for undergraduate

1 coursework); RCW 28B.15.760 through 28B.15.766 (math and science
2 loans); RCW 28B.15.100 (reciprocity agreement); RCW 28B.15.730
3 through 28B.15.734 (Oregon reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.750 and
4 28B.15.752 (Idaho reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.756 (British Columbia
5 reciprocity); chapter 28B.101 RCW (educational opportunity grant);
6 chapter 28B.102 RCW (future teachers conditional scholarship);
7 chapter 28B.108 RCW (American Indian endowed scholarship); chapter
8 28B.109 RCW (Washington international exchange scholarship); chapter
9 28B.115 RCW (health professional conditional scholarship); (~~chapter~~
10 ~~28B.119 RCW (Washington promise scholarship);~~) and chapter 28B.133
11 RCW (gaining independence for students with dependents).

12 **Sec. 23.** RCW 28B.76.699 and 2016 c 233 s 17 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
15 specific purpose, the office shall administer a student teaching
16 residency grant program to provide additional funds to individuals
17 completing student teaching residencies at public schools in
18 Washington.

19 (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients must be enrolled in a
20 professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation
21 program, be completing or about to start a student teaching residency
22 at a Title I school, and demonstrate financial need, as defined by
23 the office and consistent with the income criteria required to
24 receive the (~~state need grant established~~) Washington college
25 promise scholarship created in chapter 28B.92 RCW.

26 (3) The office shall establish rules for administering the grants
27 under this section.

28 **Sec. 24.** RCW 28B.77.020 and 2015 c 83 s 2 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) Aligned with the state's biennial budget and policy cycles,
31 the council shall propose educational attainment goals and priorities
32 to meet the state's evolving needs. The council shall identify
33 strategies for meeting the goals and priorities by means of a short-
34 term strategic action plan and a ten-year plan that serves as a
35 roadmap.

36 (a) The goals must address the needs of Washington residents to
37 reach higher levels of educational attainment and Washington's

1 workforce needs for certificates and degrees in particular fields of
2 study.

3 (b) The council shall identify the resources it deems appropriate
4 to meet statewide goals and also recognize current state economic
5 conditions and state resources.

6 (c) In proposing goals, the council shall collaborate with the
7 superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator
8 standards board, the state board of education, the state board for
9 community and technical colleges, the four-year institutions of
10 higher education, independent colleges and degree-granting
11 institutions, certificate-granting institutions, and the workforce
12 training and education coordinating board.

13 (2) The council shall update the strategic action plan every two
14 years with the first strategic action plan to be submitted to the
15 governor and the legislature by December 1, 2012. The ten-year
16 roadmap must be updated every two years with the first roadmap to be
17 submitted to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2013.
18 The council must provide regular updates to the joint higher
19 education committee created in RCW 44.04.360 as needed.

20 (3) In order to develop the ten-year roadmap, the council shall
21 conduct strategic planning in collaboration with agencies and
22 stakeholders and include input from the legislature. The council must
23 also consult with the STEM education innovation alliance established
24 under RCW 28A.188.030 in order to align strategies under the roadmap
25 with the STEM framework for education and accountability developed by
26 the alliance. The roadmap must encompass all sectors of higher
27 education, including secondary to postsecondary transitions. The
28 roadmap must outline strategies that address:

29 (a) Strategic planning, which includes setting benchmarks and
30 goals for long-term degree production generally and in particular
31 fields of study;

32 (b) Expanding access, affordability, quality, efficiency, and
33 accountability among the various institutions of higher education;

34 (c) Higher education finance planning and strategic investments
35 including budget recommendations necessary to meet statewide goals;

36 (d) System design and coordination;

37 (e) Improving student transitions;

38 (f) Higher education data and analysis, in collaboration with the
39 education data center, which includes outcomes for recruitment,
40 retention, and success of students;

1 (g) College and career access preparedness, in collaboration with
2 the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the state
3 board of education;

4 (h) Expanding participation and success for racial and ethnic
5 minorities in higher education;

6 (i) Development and expansion of innovations in higher education
7 including innovations to increase attainment of postsecondary
8 certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and
9 professional degrees; and innovations to improve precollege education
10 in terms of cost-effectiveness and transitions to college-level
11 education;

12 (j) Strengthening the education pipeline and degree production in
13 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields, and
14 aligning strategies under the roadmap with the STEM framework for
15 action and accountability developed under RCW 28A.188.030; and

16 (k) Relevant policy research.

17 (4) As needed, the council must conduct system reviews consistent
18 with RCW 28B.77.080.

19 (5) The council shall facilitate the development and expansion of
20 innovative practices within, between, and among the sectors to
21 increase educational attainment and assess the effectiveness of the
22 innovations.

23 (6) The council shall use the data and analysis produced by, and
24 in consultation with, the education data center created in RCW
25 43.41.400 in developing policy recommendations and proposing goals.
26 In conducting research and analysis the council at a minimum must:

27 (a) Identify barriers to increasing educational attainment,
28 evaluate effectiveness of various educational models, identify best
29 practices, and recommend methods to overcome barriers;

30 (b) Analyze data from multiple sources including data from
31 academic research and from areas and agencies outside of education
32 including but not limited to data from the department of health, the
33 department of corrections, and the department of social and health
34 services to determine best practices to remove barriers and to
35 improve educational attainment;

36 (c) Assess educational achievement disaggregated by income level,
37 age, gender, race and ethnicity, country of origin, and other
38 relevant demographic groups working with data from the education data
39 center;

40 (d) Track progress toward meeting the state's goals;

1 (e) Communicate results and provide access to data analysis to
2 policymakers, the superintendent of public instruction, institutions
3 of higher education, students, and the public; and

4 (f) Use data from the education data center wherever appropriate
5 to conduct duties in (a) through (e) of this subsection.

6 (7) The council shall collaborate with the appropriate state
7 agencies and stakeholders, including the state board of education,
8 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state
9 board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training
10 and education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions of
11 higher education to improve student transitions and success including
12 but not limited to:

13 (a) Setting minimum college admission standards for four-year
14 institutions of higher education, including:

15 (i) A requirement that coursework in American sign language or an
16 American Indian language satisfies any requirement for instruction in
17 a language other than English that the council or the institutions
18 may establish as a general undergraduate admissions requirement; and

19 (ii) Encouragement of the use of multiple measures to determine
20 whether a student must enroll in a precollege course, such as
21 placement tests, the SAT, high school transcripts, college
22 transcripts, or initial class performance;

23 (b) Proposing comprehensive policies and programs to encourage
24 students to prepare for, understand how to access, and pursue
25 postsecondary college and career programs, including specific
26 policies and programs for students with disabilities;

27 (c) Recommending policies that require coordination between or
28 among sectors such as dual high school-college programs, awarding
29 college credit for advanced high school work, and transfer between
30 two and four-year institutions of higher education or between
31 different four-year institutions of higher education; and

32 (d) Identifying transitions issues and solutions for students,
33 from high school to postsecondary education including community and
34 technical colleges, four-year institutions of higher education,
35 apprenticeships, training, or workplace education; between two-year
36 and four-year institutions of higher education; and from
37 postsecondary education to career. In addressing these issues the
38 council must recognize that these transitions may occur multiple
39 times as students continue their education.

1 (8) The council directs the work of the office, which includes
2 administration of student financial aid programs under RCW
3 28B.76.090, including the ((state need grant)) Washington college
4 promise scholarship and other scholarships, the Washington advanced
5 college tuition payment program, and work-study programs.

6 (9) The council may administer state and federal grants and
7 programs including but not limited to those programs that provide
8 incentives for improvements related to increased access and success
9 in postsecondary education.

10 (10) The council shall protect higher education consumers
11 including:

12 (a) Approving degree-granting postsecondary institutions
13 consistent with existing statutory criteria;

14 (b) Establishing minimum criteria to assess whether students who
15 attend proprietary institutions of higher education shall be eligible
16 for the ((state need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship
17 and other forms of state financial aid.

18 (i) The criteria shall include retention rates, completion rates,
19 loan default rates, and annual tuition increases, among other
20 criteria for students who receive ((state need grant as)) the
21 Washington college promise scholarship in chapter 28B.92 RCW and any
22 other state financial aid.

23 (ii) The council may remove proprietary institutions of higher
24 education from eligibility for the ((state need grant)) Washington
25 college promise scholarship or other form of state financial aid if
26 it finds that the institution or college does not meet minimum
27 criteria.

28 (iii) The council shall report by December 1, 2014, to the joint
29 higher education committee in RCW 44.04.360 on the outcomes of
30 students receiving ((state need grants)) Washington college promise
31 scholarships, impacts on meeting the state's higher education goals
32 for educational attainment, and options for prioritization of the
33 ((state need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship and
34 possible consequences of implementing each option. When examining
35 options for prioritizing the ((state need grant)) Washington college
36 promise scholarship the council shall consider awarding ((grants))
37 scholarships based on need rather than date of application and making
38 awards based on other criteria selected by the council.

39 (11) The council shall adopt residency requirements by rule.

1 (12) The council shall arbitrate disputes between and among four-
2 year institutions of higher education and the state board for
3 community and technical colleges at the request of one or more of the
4 institutions involved, or at the request of the governor, or from a
5 resolution adopted by the legislature. The decision of the council
6 shall be binding on the participants in the dispute.

7 (13) The council may solicit, accept, receive, and administer
8 federal funds or private funds, in trust, or otherwise, and contract
9 with foundations or with for-profit or nonprofit organizations to
10 support the purposes and functions of the council.

11 (14) The council shall represent the broad public interest above
12 the interests of the individual institutions of higher education.

13 **Sec. 25.** RCW 28B.117.020 and 2018 c 232 s 3 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
16 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "Apprentice" means a person enrolled in a state-approved,
18 federally registered, or reciprocally recognized apprenticeship
19 program.

20 (2) "Apprenticeship" means an apprenticeship training program
21 approved or recognized by the state apprenticeship council or similar
22 federal entity.

23 (3) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with attending
24 a particular institution of higher education as determined by the
25 office, including but not limited to tuition, fees, room, board,
26 books, personal expenses, and transportation, plus the cost of
27 reasonable additional expenses incurred by an eligible student and
28 approved by a financial aid administrator at the student's school of
29 attendance.

30 (4) "Federal foster care system" means the foster care program
31 under the federal unaccompanied refugee minors program, Title 8
32 U.S.C. Sec. 1522 of the immigration and nationality act.

33 (5) "Financial need" means the difference between a student's
34 cost of attendance and the student's total family contribution as
35 determined by the method prescribed by the United States department
36 of education.

37 (6) "Homeless" or "homelessness" means without a fixed, regular,
38 and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the federal
39 McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.

1 (7) "Independent college or university" means a private,
2 nonprofit institution of higher education, open to residents of the
3 state, providing programs of education beyond the high school level
4 leading to at least the baccalaureate degree, and accredited by the
5 Northwest association of schools and colleges, and other institutions
6 as may be developed that are approved by the student achievement
7 council as meeting equivalent standards as those institutions
8 accredited under this section.

9 (8) "Institution of higher education" means any institution
10 eligible to and participating in the (~~state need grant~~) Washington
11 college promise scholarship program.

12 (9) "Occupational-specific costs" means the costs associated with
13 entering an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship, including but not
14 limited to fees, tuition for classes, work clothes, rain gear, boots,
15 occupation-specific tools.

16 (10) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

17 (11) "Preapprenticeship" means an apprenticeship preparation
18 program recognized by the state apprenticeship council and as defined
19 in RCW 28C.18.162.

20 (12) "Program" means the passport to careers program created in
21 this chapter.

22 (13) "State foster care system" means out-of-home care pursuant
23 to a dependency and includes the placement of dependents from other
24 states who are placed in Washington pursuant to orders issued under
25 the interstate compact on the placement of children, chapter 26.34
26 RCW.

27 (14) "Tribal court" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
28 13.38.040.

29 (15) "Tribal foster care system" means an out-of-home placement
30 under a dependency order from a tribal court.

31 (16) "Unaccompanied" means a youth or young adult experiencing
32 homelessness while not in the physical custody of a parent or
33 guardian.

34 **Sec. 26.** RCW 28B.118.010 and 2018 c 204 s 1 and 2018 c 12 s 1
35 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

36 The office of student financial assistance shall design the
37 Washington college bound scholarship program in accordance with this
38 section and in alignment with the (~~state need grant~~) Washington

1 college promise scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW unless
2 otherwise provided in this section.

3 (1) "Eligible students" are those students who:

4 (a) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. If a student
5 qualifies in the seventh grade, the student remains eligible even if
6 the student does not receive free or reduced-price lunches
7 thereafter;

8 (b) Are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and:

9 (i) In grade seven through twelve; or

10 (ii) Are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one and have not
11 graduated from high school; or

12 (c) Were dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and were adopted
13 between the ages of fourteen and eighteen with a negotiated adoption
14 agreement that includes continued eligibility for the Washington
15 state college bound scholarship program pursuant to RCW 74.13A.025.

16 (2) Eligible students and the students' parents or guardians
17 shall be notified of the student's eligibility for the Washington
18 college bound scholarship program beginning in the student's seventh
19 grade year. Students and the students' parents or guardians shall
20 also be notified of the requirements for award of the scholarship.

21 (3)(a) To be eligible for a Washington college bound scholarship,
22 a student eligible under subsection (1)(a) of this section must sign
23 a pledge during seventh or eighth grade that includes a commitment to
24 graduate from high school with at least a C average and with no
25 felony convictions. The pledge must be witnessed by a parent or
26 guardian and forwarded to the office of student financial assistance
27 by mail or electronically, as indicated on the pledge form.

28 (b)(i) Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, the office of
29 student financial assistance shall make multiple attempts to secure
30 the signature of the student's parent or guardian for the purpose of
31 witnessing the pledge.

32 (ii) If the signature of the student's parent or guardian is not
33 obtained, the office of student financial assistance may partner with
34 the school counselor or administrator to secure the parent's or
35 guardian's signature to witness the pledge. The school counselor or
36 administrator shall make multiple attempts via all phone numbers,
37 email addresses, and mailing addresses on record to secure the
38 parent's or guardian's signature. All attempts to contact the parent
39 or guardian must be documented and maintained in the student's
40 official file.

1 (iii) If a parent's or guardian's signature is still not
2 obtained, the school counselor or administrator shall indicate to the
3 office of student financial assistance the nature of the unsuccessful
4 efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian and the reasons
5 the signature is not available. Then the school counselor or
6 administrator may witness the pledge unless the parent or guardian
7 has indicated that he or she does not wish for the student to
8 participate in the program.

9 (c) A student eligible under subsection (1)(b) of this section
10 shall be automatically enrolled, with no action necessary by the
11 student or the student's family, and the enrollment form must be
12 forwarded by the department of social and health services to the
13 office of student financial assistance by mail or electronically, as
14 indicated on the form.

15 (4)(a) Scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students
16 graduating from public high schools, approved private high schools
17 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or who received home-based instruction
18 under chapter 28A.200 RCW.

19 (b)(i) To receive the Washington college bound scholarship, a
20 student must graduate with at least a "C" average from a public high
21 school or an approved private high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW
22 in Washington or have received home-based instruction under chapter
23 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony convictions, and must be a resident
24 student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e). A student
25 who is eligible to receive the Washington college bound scholarship
26 because the student is a resident student under RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e)
27 must provide the institution, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012, an
28 affidavit indicating that the individual will file an application to
29 become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the
30 individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any
31 other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not
32 limited to citizenship or civics review courses.

33 (ii) For eligible children as defined in subsection (1)(b) and
34 (c) of this section, to receive the Washington college bound
35 scholarship, a student must have received a high school equivalency
36 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536 or have graduated with at
37 least a "C" average from a public high school or an approved private
38 high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW in Washington or have received
39 home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony

1 convictions, and must be a resident student as defined in RCW
2 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e).

3 For a student who does not meet the "C" average requirement, and
4 who completes fewer than two quarters in the running start program,
5 under chapter 28A.600 RCW, the student's first quarter of running
6 start course grades must be excluded from the student's overall grade
7 point average for purposes of determining their eligibility to
8 receive the scholarship.

9 (5) A student's family income will be assessed upon graduation
10 before awarding the scholarship.

11 (6) If at graduation from high school the student's family income
12 does not exceed sixty-five percent of the state median family income,
13 scholarship award amounts shall be as provided in this section.

14 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of
15 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the value of the award
16 shall be (i) the difference between the student's tuition and
17 required fees, less the value of any state-funded grant, scholarship,
18 or waiver assistance the student receives; (ii) plus five hundred
19 dollars for books and materials.

20 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of
21 higher education in Washington, the award amount shall be the
22 representative average of awards granted to students in public
23 research universities in Washington or the representative average of
24 awards granted to students in public research universities in
25 Washington in the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

26 (c) For students attending private vocational schools in
27 Washington, the award amount shall be the representative average of
28 awards granted to students in public community and technical colleges
29 in Washington or the representative average of awards granted to
30 students in public community and technical colleges in Washington in
31 the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

32 (7) Recipients may receive no more than four full-time years'
33 worth of scholarship awards.

34 (8) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all
35 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would
36 otherwise qualify. The Washington college bound scholarship is
37 intended to replace unmet need, loans, and, at the student's option,
38 work-study award before any other grants or scholarships are reduced.

39 (9) The first scholarships shall be awarded to students
40 graduating in 2012.

1 (10) The state of Washington retains legal ownership of tuition
2 units awarded as scholarships under this chapter until the tuition
3 units are redeemed. These tuition units shall remain separately held
4 from any tuition units owned under chapter 28B.95 RCW by a Washington
5 college bound scholarship recipient.

6 (11) The scholarship award must be used within five years of
7 receipt. Any unused scholarship tuition units revert to the
8 Washington college bound scholarship account.

9 (12) Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any
10 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the
11 scholarship tuition units shall revert to the Washington college
12 bound scholarship account.

13 **Sec. 27.** RCW 28B.118.090 and 2015 c 244 s 6 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) Beginning January 1, 2015, and at a minimum every year
16 thereafter, the student achievement council and all institutions of
17 higher education eligible to participate in the college bound
18 scholarship program shall ensure data needed to analyze and evaluate
19 the effectiveness of the college bound scholarship program is
20 promptly transmitted to the education data center created in RCW
21 43.41.400 so that it is available and easily accessible. The data to
22 be reported should include but not be limited to:

23 (a) The number of students who sign up for the college bound
24 scholarship program in seventh or eighth grade;

25 (b) The number of college bound scholarship students who graduate
26 from high school;

27 (c) The number of college bound scholarship students who enroll
28 in postsecondary education;

29 (d) Persistence and completion rates of college bound scholarship
30 recipients disaggregated by institutions of higher education;

31 (e) College bound scholarship recipient grade point averages;

32 (f) The number of college bound scholarship recipients who did
33 not remain eligible and reasons for ineligibility;

34 (g) College bound scholarship program costs; and

35 (h) Impacts to the ((state need grant)) Washington college
36 promise scholarship program.

37 (2) Beginning May 12, 2015, and at a minimum every December 1st
38 thereafter, the student achievement council shall submit student unit

1 record data for the college bound scholarship program applicants and
2 recipients to the education data center.

3 **Sec. 28.** RCW 28B.133.010 and 2013 c 248 s 4 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The educational assistance grant program for students with
6 dependents is hereby created, subject to the availability of receipts
7 of gifts, grants, or endowments from private sources. The program is
8 created to serve financially needy students with dependents eighteen
9 years of age or younger, by assisting them directly through a grant
10 program to pursue a degree or certificate at public or private
11 institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030(4) (a)
12 and (b) (i) and (ii), that participate in the (~~state need grant~~)
13 Washington college promise scholarship program.

14 **Sec. 29.** RCW 28B.133.020 and 2004 c 275 s 73 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 To be eligible for the educational assistance grant program for
17 students with dependents, applicants shall: (1) Be residents of the
18 state of Washington; (2) be needy students as defined in RCW
19 28B.92.030(~~(3)~~); (3) be eligible to participate in the (~~state need~~
20 ~~grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program as set forth
21 under (~~RCW 28B.92.080~~) chapter 28B.92 RCW; and (4) have dependents
22 eighteen years of age or younger who are under their care.

23 **Sec. 30.** RCW 28B.145.010 and 2018 c 254 s 9, 2018 c 209 s 6, and
24 2018 c 114 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

25 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
26 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

27 (1) "Board" means the opportunity scholarship board.

28 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

29 (3) "Eligible advanced degree program" means a health
30 professional degree program beyond the baccalaureate level and
31 includes graduate and professional degree programs.

32 (4) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as "rural county" as
33 defined in RCW 82.14.370 and also includes any county that shares a
34 common border with Canada and has a population of over one hundred
35 twenty-five thousand.

36 (5) "Eligible education programs" means high employer demand and
37 other programs of study as determined by the board.

1 (6) "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated with
2 the costs of acquiring an education such as tuition, books,
3 equipment, fees, room and board, and other expenses as determined by
4 the program administrator in consultation with the council and the
5 state board for community and technical colleges.

6 (7) "Eligible school district" means a school district of the
7 second class as identified in RCW 28A.300.065(2).

8 (8) "Eligible student" means a resident student who received his
9 or her high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate as
10 provided in RCW 28B.50.536 in Washington and who:

11 (a) (i) Has been accepted at a four-year institution of higher
12 education into an eligible education program leading to a
13 baccalaureate degree;

14 (ii) Will attend a two-year institution of higher education and
15 intends to transfer to an eligible education program at a four-year
16 institution of higher education;

17 (iii) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education
18 into a professional-technical degree program in an eligible education
19 program; (~~(e)~~)

20 (iv) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into
21 a professional-technical certificate program in an eligible education
22 program; or

23 (v) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into
24 an eligible advanced degree program and has agreed to the service
25 obligation established by the board;

26 (b) Declares an intention to obtain a professional-technical
27 certificate, professional-technical degree, (~~(e)~~) baccalaureate
28 degree(~~(f)~~), or an advanced degree; and

29 (c) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five
30 percent of the state median family income at the time the student
31 applies for an opportunity scholarship.

32 (9) "Gift aid" means financial aid received from the federal Pell
33 grant, the (~~(state need grant)~~) Washington college promise
34 scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW, the college bound
35 scholarship program in chapter 28B.118 RCW, the opportunity grant
36 program in chapter 28B.50 RCW, the opportunity scholarship program in
37 this chapter, or any other state grant, scholarship, or worker
38 retraining program that provides funds for educational purposes with
39 no obligation of repayment. "Gift aid" does not include student
40 loans, work-study programs, the basic food employment and training

1 program administered by the department of social and health services,
2 or other employment assistance programs that provide job readiness
3 opportunities and support beyond the costs of tuition, books, and
4 fees.

5 (10) "High employer demand program of study" has the same meaning
6 as provided in RCW 28B.50.030.

7 (11) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a
8 scholarship under the opportunity scholarship program.

9 (12) "Professional-technical certificate" means a program as
10 approved by the state board for community and technical colleges
11 under RCW 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of
12 higher education.

13 (13) "Professional-technical degree" means a program as approved
14 by the state board for community and technical colleges under RCW
15 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of higher
16 education.

17 (14) "Program administrator" means a private nonprofit
18 corporation registered under Title 24 RCW and qualified as a tax-
19 exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue
20 code.

21 (15) "Resident student" has the same meaning as provided in RCW
22 28B.15.012.

23 (16) "Rural jobs program" means the rural county high employer
24 demand jobs program created in this chapter.

25 (17) "Service obligation" means an obligation by the participant
26 to be employed in a service obligation area in the state for a
27 specific period to be established by the board.

28 (18) "Service obligation area" means a location that meets one of
29 the following conditions:

30 (a) Has been designated by the council as an eligible site under
31 the health professional conditional scholarship program established
32 under chapter 28B.115 RCW;

33 (b) Serves at least forty percent uninsured or medicaid enrolled
34 patients;

35 (c) Is located in a rural county as defined in RCW 82.14.370 and
36 serves a combination of uninsured, medicaid enrolled patients, and
37 medicare enrolled patients, equal to at least forty percent of the
38 practice location's total patients; or

39 (d) Serves a public agency, nonprofit organization, or local
40 health jurisdiction as defined in RCW 43.70.575 by providing public

1 health services necessary to preserve, protect, and promote the
2 health of the state's population, as determined by the board after
3 consultation with the department of health.

4 **Sec. 31.** RCW 28B.145.030 and 2018 c 209 s 8, 2018 c 204 s 2, and
5 2018 c 114 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The program administrator shall provide administrative
7 support to execute the duties and responsibilities provided in this
8 chapter, including but not limited to publicizing the program,
9 selecting participants for the opportunity scholarship award,
10 distributing opportunity scholarship awards, and achieving the
11 maximum possible rate of return on investment of the accounts in
12 subsection (2) of this section, while ensuring transparency in the
13 investment decisions and processes. Duties, exercised jointly with
14 the board, include soliciting funds and setting annual fund-raising
15 goals. The program administrator shall be paid an administrative fee
16 as determined by the board.

17 (2) With respect to the opportunity scholarship program, the
18 program administrator shall:

19 (a) Establish and manage (~~three separate~~) the specified
20 accounts created in (b) of this subsection, into which to receive
21 grants and contributions from private sources as well as state
22 matching funds, and from which to disburse scholarship funds to
23 participants;

24 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private
25 sources, via direct payment, pledge agreement, or escrow account, of
26 private sources for deposit into any of the (~~three~~) specified
27 accounts created in this subsection (2)(b) upon the direction of the
28 donor and in accordance with this subsection (2)(b):

29 (i) The "scholarship account," whose principal may be invaded,
30 and from which scholarships must be disbursed for baccalaureate
31 programs beginning no later than December 1, 2011, if, by that date,
32 state matching funds in the amount of five million dollars or more
33 have been received. Thereafter, scholarships shall be disbursed on an
34 annual basis beginning no later than May 1, 2012, and every October
35 1st thereafter;

36 (ii) The "student support pathways account," whose principal may
37 be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for
38 professional-technical certificate or degree programs in the fiscal

1 year following appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter,
2 scholarships shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

3 (iii) The "advanced degrees pathways account," whose principal
4 may be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for
5 eligible advanced degree programs in the fiscal year following
6 appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter, scholarships
7 shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

8 (iv) The "endowment account," from which scholarship moneys may
9 be disbursed for baccalaureate programs from earnings only in years
10 when:

11 (A) The state match has been made into both the scholarship and
12 the endowment account; and

13 (B) The state appropriations for the ~~((state—need—grant))~~
14 Washington college promise scholarship under ~~((RCW—28B.92.010))~~
15 chapter 28B.92 RCW meet or exceed state appropriations for the
16 ~~((state—need—grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship made in
17 the 2011-2013 biennium, adjusted for inflation, and eligibility for
18 ~~((state—need—grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship
19 recipients is at least seventy percent of state median family income;

20 (v) An amount equal to at least fifty percent of all grants and
21 contributions must be deposited into the scholarship account until
22 such time as twenty million dollars have been deposited into the
23 scholarship account, after which time the private donors may
24 designate whether their contributions must be deposited to the
25 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the
26 advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment ~~account((s))~~. The
27 board and the program administrator must work to maximize private
28 sector contributions to ~~((the—scholarship—account,—the—student~~
29 ~~support—pathways—account,—the—advanced—degrees—pathways—account,—and~~
30 ~~the—endowment—account,—))~~ these accounts to maintain a robust
31 scholarship program while simultaneously building the endowment, and
32 to determine the division between the ~~((scholarship,—the—student~~
33 ~~support—pathways,—the—advanced—degrees—pathways,—and—the—endowment))~~
34 accounts in the case of undesignated grants and contributions, taking
35 into account the need for a long-term funding mechanism and the
36 short-term needs of families and students in Washington. The first
37 five million dollars in state match, as provided in RCW 28B.145.040,
38 shall be deposited into the scholarship account and thereafter the
39 state match shall be deposited into the ~~((three))~~ specified accounts
40 created in this subsection (2)(b) in equal proportion to the private

1 funds deposited in each account, except that no more than one million
2 dollars in state match shall be deposited into the advanced degrees
3 pathways account in a single fiscal biennium; and

4 (vi) Once moneys in the opportunity scholarship match transfer
5 account are subject to an agreement under RCW 28B.145.050(5) and are
6 deposited in the scholarship account, the student support pathways
7 account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment
8 account under this section, the state acts in a fiduciary rather than
9 ownership capacity with regard to those assets. Assets in the
10 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the
11 advanced degrees pathways account, and the endowment account are not
12 considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the state;

13 (c) Provide proof of receipt of grants and contributions from
14 private sources to the council, identifying the amounts received by
15 name of private source and date, and whether the amounts received
16 were deposited into the scholarship account, the student support
17 pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the
18 endowment account((~~§~~));

19 (d) In consultation with the council and the state board for
20 community and technical colleges, make an assessment of the
21 reasonable annual eligible expenses associated with eligible
22 education programs and eligible advanced degree programs identified
23 by the board;

24 (e) Determine the dollar difference between tuition fees charged
25 by institutions of higher education in the 2008-09 academic year and
26 the academic year for which an opportunity scholarship is being
27 distributed;

28 (f) Develop and implement an application, selection, and
29 notification process for awarding opportunity scholarships;

30 (g) Determine the annual amount of the opportunity scholarship
31 for each selected participant. The annual amount shall be at least
32 one thousand dollars or the amount determined under (e) of this
33 subsection, but may be increased on an income-based, sliding scale
34 basis up to the amount necessary to cover all reasonable annual
35 eligible expenses as assessed pursuant to (d) of this subsection, or
36 to encourage participation in professional-technical certificate
37 programs, professional-technical degree programs, ((~~or~~))
38 baccalaureate degree programs, or eligible advanced degree programs
39 identified by the board;

1 (h) Distribute scholarship funds to selected participants. Once
2 awarded, and to the extent funds are available for distribution, an
3 opportunity scholarship shall be automatically renewed as long as the
4 participant annually submits documentation of filing both a free
5 application for federal student aid (FAFSA) and for available federal
6 education tax credits including, but not limited to, the American
7 opportunity tax credit, or if ineligible to apply for federal student
8 aid, the participant annually submits documentation of filing a state
9 financial aid application as approved by the office of student
10 financial assistance; and until the participant withdraws from or is
11 no longer attending the program, completes the program, or has taken
12 the credit or clock hour equivalent of one hundred twenty-five
13 percent of the published length of time of the participant's program,
14 whichever occurs first;

15 (i) Notify institutions of scholarship recipients who will attend
16 their institutions and inform them of the terms of the students'
17 eligibility;

18 (j) Establish a required service obligation for participants
19 enrolled in an eligible advanced degree program, and establish a
20 process for verifying a participant's employment in a service
21 obligation area; and

22 (k) Establish a repayment obligation and appeals process for
23 participants who serve less than the required service obligation,
24 unless the program administrator determines the circumstances are
25 beyond the participant's control. If the participant is unable to pay
26 the repayment obligation in full, the participant may enter into
27 payment arrangements with the program administrator. The program
28 administrator is responsible for the collection of repayment
29 obligations on behalf of participants who fail to complete their
30 service obligation.

31 (3) With respect to the opportunity expansion program, the
32 program administrator shall:

33 (a) Assist the board in developing and implementing an
34 application, selection, and notification process for making
35 opportunity expansion awards; and

36 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private
37 sources for opportunity expansion awards.

38 **Sec. 32.** RCW 28C.18.166 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 242 are each
39 amended to read as follows:

1 On an annual basis, each opportunity internship consortium shall
2 provide the board with a list of the opportunity internship graduates
3 from the consortium. The board shall compile the lists from all
4 consortia and shall notify the office of student financial assistance
5 of the eligibility of each graduate on the lists to receive a ((state
6 need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship under chapter
7 28B.92 RCW if the graduate enrolls in a postsecondary program of
8 study within one year of high school graduation.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The following acts or parts of acts are
10 each repealed:

11 (1) RCW 28B.92.010 (State need grant program established—Purpose)
12 and 2014 c 1 s 1, 2004 c 275 s 34, 1999 c 345 s 2, 1993 sp.s. c 18 s
13 2, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 7;

14 (2) RCW 28B.92.020 (State need grant program—Findings—Intent)
15 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 158, 2003 c 19 s 11, & 1999 c 345 s 1;

16 (3) RCW 28B.92.050 (Powers and duties of office) and 2011 1st
17 sp.s. c 11 s 161, 1999 c 345 s 4, 1989 c 254 s 3, & 1969 ex.s. c 222
18 s 11;

19 (4) RCW 28B.92.060 (State need grant awards) and 2012 c 229 s
20 558;

21 (5) RCW 28B.92.080 (Eligibility for state need grant) and 2015 c
22 121 s 1, 2012 c 229 s 605, 2009 c 238 s 9, 2007 c 404 s 1, 2004 c 275
23 s 39, 1999 c 345 s 6, 1989 c 254 s 5, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 13;

24 (6) RCW 28B.92.082 (Enhanced need grants—Eligibility) and 2012 c
25 229 s 560 & 2009 c 215 s 3;

26 (7) RCW 28B.92.084 (Eligibility of opportunity internship
27 graduates) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 163 & 2009 c 238 s 8;

28 (8) RCW 28B.119.005 (Intent—Finding) and 2002 c 204 s 1;

29 (9) RCW 28B.119.010 (Program design—Parameters) and 2013 c 39 s
30 12, 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 231, 2004 c 275 s 60, 2003 c 233 s 5, &
31 2002 c 204 s 2;

32 (10) RCW 28B.119.020 (Implementation and administration) and 2011
33 1st sp.s. c 11 s 232 & 2002 c 204 s 3;

34 (11) RCW 28B.119.030 (Funding for state need grant program not
35 impaired) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 233, 2004 c 275 s 71, & 2002 c
36 204 s 4;

37 (12) RCW 28B.119.040 (Requirements for students receiving home-
38 based instruction not affected) and 2002 c 204 s 5;

1 (13) RCW 28B.119.050 (Washington promise scholarship account) and
2 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 234 & 2002 c 204 s 6; and
3 (14) RCW 28B.119.900 (Effective date—2002 c 204) and 2002 c 204 s
4 9.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** Sections 1 through 5 and 8 through 33 of
6 this act take effect July 1, 2021.

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