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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.625.041 and 1991 c 255 s 3 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in
10 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the
11 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated
12 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate
13 locations.

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

17 (a) Except as provided under RCW 28B.80.255, an academic grant
18 which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of higher
19 education. The academic grant shall (~~not exceed the current academic~~
20 ~~year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at one of~~
21 ~~the state's research universities and shall not exceed the current~~
22 ~~academic year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at~~
23 ~~one of the state's regional universities or The Evergreen State~~
24 College)) provide reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs
25 incurred for tuition and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours
26 or thirty semester credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit
27 hour not to exceed the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit
28 hour at the University of Washington in the year the recipient takes

1 the credits. In addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars
2 shall be provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the
3 academic grant beginning with 1992 recipients, if funds are
4 appropriated for the stipends in the omnibus appropriations act. This
5 stipend shall be provided as reimbursement for actual costs incurred.
6 The academic grant shall not be considered compensation for the
7 purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

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

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

14 (3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
15 section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the
16 following:

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

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

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

27 (5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for
28 excellence in education, teachers, principals or administrators, and
29 the school district superintendent shall notify the superintendent of
30 public instruction in writing of their decision to apply for an

1 academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational grant as
2 provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The
3 superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of
4 those recipients who select the academic grant."

5 "Sec. 2. RCW 28A.625.065 and 1991 c 255 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((1) The dollar value of the academic grant under RCW
8 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be the amount as provided under RCW
9 28A.625.041(2)(a) at the time the grant is awarded by the higher
10 education coordinating board.~~

11 ~~(2))~~ Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under RCW
12 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be completed within four years after the
13 academic grant is received."

14 "Sec. 3. RCW 28B.80.255 and 1991 c 255 s 6 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
17 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall use the grant to
18 attend a state public institution of higher education located in the
19 state of Washington, except that the academic grant may be used for
20 courses at a private institution of higher education in the state of
21 Washington if the conditions in subsection (3) of this section are met,
22 and the academic grant may be used for courses at a public or a private
23 institution of higher education in another state or country if the
24 conditions in subsection (4) of this section are met.

25 (2) "Institution of higher education" means:

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

1 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
2 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
3 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
4 by rule of the board. Any institution, branch, extension, or facility
5 operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an
6 institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited
7 member institution of an accrediting association recognized by the
8 board.

9 (3) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
10 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) may use the grant for
11 courses at any private institution as defined in subsection (2)(b) of
12 this section subject to the following conditions:

13 (a) ~~The academic grant shall ((not exceed the current academic year~~
14 ~~full-time resident graduate tuition and the services and activities~~
15 ~~fees in effect at the state-funded research universities))~~ provide
16 reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs incurred for tuition
17 and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours or thirty semester
18 credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit hour not to exceed
19 the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit hour at the University
20 of Washington in the year the recipient takes the credits. In
21 addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars shall be
22 provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the academic
23 grant beginning with 1992 recipients, if funds are appropriated for the
24 stipends in the omnibus appropriations act. This stipend shall be
25 provided as reimbursement for actual costs incurred;

26 (b) The academic grant shall be contingent on the private
27 institution matching on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis, either with
28 actual money or by waiver of fees, the amount of the academic grant
29 received by the recipient from the state; and

1 (c) The academic grant may not be used for any courses that include
2 any religious worship or exercise, or apply to any degree in religious,
3 seminarian, or theological academic studies.

4 (4) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
5 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) may use the grant for
6 courses at a public or private higher education institution in another
7 state or country subject to the following conditions:

8 (a) The institution has an exchange program with a public or
9 private higher education institution in Washington and the exchange
10 program is approved or recognized by the higher education coordinating
11 board; or

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

14 (c) The recipient of the Washington award for excellence in
15 education has submitted in writing to the higher education coordinating
16 board an explanation of why the preferred course or courses are not
17 available at a public or private institution in Washington; and

18 (d) The academic grant may not be used for any courses that include
19 any religious worship or exercise, or apply to any degree in religious,
20 seminarian, or theological academic studies."

21 "**Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.80.265 and 1991 c 255 s 7 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules as
24 necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the academic grants
25 awarded under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a).

26 (2) The rules adopted by the board shall ~~((allow recipients who~~
27 ~~have begun to use the waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547~~
28 ~~prior to May 17, 1991, to take the remaining value of the waiver of~~
29 ~~tuition and fees in the form of the academic grant under RCW~~

1 28A.625.041(2)(a)) reflect that the changes to RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a)
2 in section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1992 (section 1 of this act) shall
3 apply to all recipients of a Washington award for excellence in
4 education, regardless of the statutory language in effect at the time
5 the award was granted."

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.625.071 and 1991 c 255 s 5 are
7 each repealed."

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
11 effect April 30, 1992."

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13 By Committee on Education

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15 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "excellence;" strike the
16 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.625.041,
17 28A.625.065, 28B.80.255, and 28B.80.265; repealing RCW 28A.625.071;
18 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."