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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1598**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Basich, Jacobsen, Hine, Peery, Hargrove, Sheldon, Jones, H. Myers, Winsley and G. Fisher).

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial aid; amending RCW 28B.102.020 and  
2 28B.102.060; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.102.020 and 1987 c 437 s 2 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) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
9 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in the  
10 public schools of this state.

11 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
12 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by  
13 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher  
14 education coordinating board.

15 (3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

1 (4) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at  
2 least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates achievement of  
3 at least a 3.30 grade point average for students entering an  
4 institution of higher education directly from high school or maintains  
5 at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for each academic  
6 year in an institution of higher education, is a resident student as  
7 defined by RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, and has a declared  
8 intention to complete an approved preparation program leading to  
9 initial teacher certification or required for earning an additional  
10 endorsement, or a college or university graduate who meets the same  
11 credit hour requirements and is seeking an additional teaching  
12 endorsement or initial teacher certification.

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

16 (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render  
17 service as a teacher at a public school in the state of Washington in  
18 lieu of monetary repayment.

19 (7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

20 (8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
21 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

22 (9) "Targeted ethnic minority" means a group of Americans with a  
23 common ethnic or racial heritage selected by the board for program  
24 consideration due to societal concerns such as high dropout rates or  
25 low rates of college participation by members of the group.

26 (10) "Approved education program" means an educational program  
27 offered in Washington by the federal government, public schools, Indian  
28 tribes, or community colleges, including but not limited to: Head  
29 start, early childhood education, developmental education, educational

1 clinics, English as a second language, and basic skills. By rule, the  
2 board may further define approved education program.

3       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.102.060 and 1987 c 437 s 6 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5       (1) Participants in the conditional scholarship program incur an  
6 obligation to repay the conditional scholarship, with interest, unless  
7 they teach for ten years in an approved education program or in the  
8 public schools of the state of Washington, under rules adopted by the  
9 board.

10       (2) The terms of the repayment, including deferral of the interest,  
11 shall be consistent with the terms of the federal guaranteed loan  
12 program.

13       (3) The period for repayment shall be ten years, with payments  
14 accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the participant  
15 completes or discontinues the course of study.

16       (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be  
17 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant teaches in a  
18 public school until the entire repayment obligation is satisfied or the  
19 borrower ceases to teach at a public school in this state. Should the  
20 participant cease to teach at a public school in this state before the  
21 participant's repayment obligation is completed, payments on the  
22 unsatisfied portion of the principal and interest shall begin the next  
23 payment period and continue until the remainder of the participant's  
24 repayment obligation is satisfied.

25       (5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made  
26 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection,  
27 maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are  
28 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall  
29 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment

1 if necessary, and shall be performed by entities approved for such  
2 servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its  
3 successor agency. The board is responsible to forgive all or parts of  
4 such repayments under the criteria established in this section and  
5 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

6 (6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other  
7 subsidies to which the board as administrator is entitled, which are  
8 paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be  
9 deposited with the higher education coordinating board and shall be  
10 used to cover the costs of granting the conditional scholarships,  
11 maintaining necessary records, and making collections under subsection  
12 (5) of this section. The board shall maintain accurate records of  
13 these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs  
14 shall be used to grant conditional scholarships to eligible students.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 In consultation with the higher education coordinating board, any  
18 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.07.020, and any  
19 state-supported, four-year institution of higher education is strongly  
20 encouraged to provide participants in the future teachers conditional  
21 scholarship program under chapter 28B.102 RCW, enrolled at the  
22 institution, with a special program designed to enrich their college  
23 experience and to encourage them to enter the teaching profession. The  
24 program may include, but shall not be limited to the following  
25 elements:

26 (1) Providing recipients with faculty mentors;

27 (2) Providing opportunities and experiences that encourage the  
28 development of leaders and decision makers;

1           (3) Offering special programs, seminars, events, and activities for  
2 scholarship recipients;

3           (4) Creating cooperative ventures with local public schools to  
4 ensure that recipients have the opportunity to work closely with the  
5 schools throughout the recipient's academic career;

6           (5) Assisting recipients to participate in internships with  
7 businesses and education or governmental organizations.