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President of the Senate

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JOE KING
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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BOOTH GARDNER
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5022** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB
Secretary

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Gaspard, Bailey, Rinehart, von Reichbauer, Murray, Conner and Erwin).

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence in education
2 program; amending RCW 28A.625.030, 28A.625.050, and 28A.625.060;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.625.020; adding new sections to chapter
4 28A.625 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating new
5 sections; repealing RCW 28A.625.040, 28A.625.070, and 28B.15.547; and
6 declaring an emergency.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.020 and 1990 c 77 s 1 and 1990 c 33 s 514 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 ((~~1~~)) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an
11 annual award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers,
12 principals, administrators, classified staff, school district
13 superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions,
14 and commitment to education. The program shall recognize annually:

1 ~~((a))~~ (1) Five teachers from each congressional district of the
2 state. One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be
3 a junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a
4 secondary level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff
5 associates;

6 ~~((b))~~ (2) Five principals or administrators from the state;

7 ~~((c))~~ (3) One school district superintendent from the state;

8 ~~((d))~~ (4) One school district board of directors from the state;

9 and

10 ~~((e))~~ (5) Three classified staff from each congressional district
11 of the state.

12 ~~((Not more than three teachers, three classified staff, and three
13 principals or administrators from each congressional district and one
14 superintendent and one school board from the state may be recognized
15 and receive awards in any school year.~~

16 ~~(2) The awards for teachers, classified staff, and principals or
17 administrators shall include certificates presented by the governor and
18 the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony or
19 ceremonies in appropriate locations.~~

20 ~~(3) In addition to certificates under subsection (2) of this
21 section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall
22 include:~~

23 ~~(a) A waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 and a stipend
24 not to exceed one thousand dollars to cover costs incurred in taking
25 courses for which the tuition and fees have been waived under this
26 subsection and RCW 28B.15.547. The stipend shall not be considered
27 compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or~~

28 ~~(b) Teachers and principals or administrators, at their discretion,
29 may elect to forego the waiver of tuition and fees and the stipend
30 under subsection (3) of this section and apply for a grant not to~~

1 ~~exceed one thousand dollars, which grant shall be awarded under the~~
2 ~~provisions of RCW 28A.625.060. Within one year of receiving the award~~
3 ~~for excellence in education, teachers and principals or administrators~~
4 ~~shall notify the superintendent of public instruction in writing of~~
5 ~~their decision to apply for a grant or to receive the waiver of tuition~~
6 ~~and fees and the stipend under subsection (3) of this section.)~~

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.625.030 and 1986 c 147 s 3 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The award for teachers under the Washington award for excellence in
10 education program shall be named the "Washington State Christa
11 McAuliffe Award, in honor and memory of Sharon Christa Corrigan
12 McAuliffe." As the first teacher and private citizen selected
13 nationally to voyage into space, Christa McAuliffe exemplified what is
14 exciting and positive about the teaching profession. Her contributions
15 within the scope of the nation's education system helped to show that
16 education can and should be a vital and dynamic experience for all
17 participants. Christa McAuliffe's chosen profession encompasses
18 learning by discovery and her desire to make new discoveries was
19 reflected by her participation in the nation's space program.

20 The selection of Christa McAuliffe as the first teacher in space
21 was directly linked to Washington state in that then superintendent of
22 public instruction Dr. Frank Brouillet both appointed and served as a
23 member of the national panel which selected Christa McAuliffe.

24 The tragic loss of the life of Christa McAuliffe on the flight of
25 the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, will be remembered
26 through the legacy she gave to her family, friends, relatives,
27 students, colleagues, the education profession, and the nation: a
28 model example of striving toward excellence.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625

2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in
4 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the
5 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated
6 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate
7 locations.

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

11 (a) Except as provided under section 6 of this act, an academic
12 grant which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of
13 higher education. The academic grant shall not exceed the current
14 academic year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at
15 one of the state's research universities and shall not exceed the
16 current academic year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses
17 taken at one of the state's regional universities or The Evergreen
18 State College. The academic grant shall not be considered compensation
19 for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

20 (b) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
21 stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW
22 28A.400.200; or

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

26 (3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this
27 section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the
28 following:

1 (a) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The
2 stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW
3 28A.400.200; or

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

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

11 (5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for
12 excellence in education, teachers, principals or administrators, and
13 the school district superintendent shall notify the superintendent of
14 public instruction in writing of their decision to apply for an
15 academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational grant as
16 provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The
17 superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of
18 those recipients who select the academic grant.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) The dollar value of the academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of
22 this act shall be the amount as provided under section 3(2)(a) of this
23 act at the time the grant is awarded by the higher education
24 coordinating board.

25 (2) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under section
26 3(2)(a) of this act shall be completed within four years after the
27 academic grant is received.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 Teachers and principals or administrators who receive a Washington
4 award for excellence in education and who select the academic grant
5 under section 3(2)(a) of this act shall receive thirty clock hours
6 toward the one hundred fifty clock hours of continuing education
7 required every five years by the state board of education: PROVIDED,
8 That the thirty clock hours shall be granted only if the courses are
9 related to the recipient's responsibilities or assignments.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
11 to read as follows:

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

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

22 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or
23 vocational-technical institute operated by the state of Washington or
24 any political subdivision thereof; or

25 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
26 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
27 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
28 by rule of the board. Any institution, branch, extension, or facility
29 operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an

1 institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited
2 member institution of an accrediting association recognized by the
3 board.

4 (3) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
5 academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of this act may use the grant for
6 courses at any private institution as defined in subsection (2)(b) of
7 this section subject to the following conditions:

8 (a) The academic grant shall not exceed the current academic year
9 full-time resident graduate tuition and the services and activities
10 fees in effect at the state-funded research universities;

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

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

18 (4) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an
19 academic grant under section 3(2)(a) of this act may use the grant for
20 courses at a public or private higher education institution in another
21 state or country subject to the following conditions:

22 (a) The institution has an exchange program with a public or
23 private higher education institution in Washington and the exchange
24 program is approved or recognized by the higher education coordinating
25 board; or

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

28 (c) The recipient of the Washington award for excellence in
29 education has submitted in writing to the higher education coordinating

1 board an explanation of why the preferred course or courses are not
2 available at a public or private institution in Washington; and

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules under
9 chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the academic grants awarded under
10 section 3(2)(a) of this act.

11 (2) The rules adopted by the board shall allow recipients who have
12 begun to use the waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 prior
13 to the effective date of this section, to take the remaining value of
14 the waiver of tuition and fees in the form of the academic grant under
15 section 3(2)(a) of this act.

16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.625.050 and 1990 c 33 s 516 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under
19 chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.010 through
20 28A.625.070. These rules shall include establishing the selection
21 criteria for the Washington award for excellence in education program.
22 The superintendent (~~(of public instruction)~~) is encouraged to consult
23 with teachers, educational staff associates, principals,
24 administrators, classified employees, superintendents, and school board
25 members in developing the selection criteria. Notwithstanding the
26 provisions of RCW 28A.625.020(1) (~~((a) and (b))~~) and (2), such rules
27 may allow for the selection of individuals whose teaching or

1 administrative duties, or both, may encompass multiple grade level or
2 building assignments, or both.

3 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.625.060 and 1990 c 33 s 517 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Teachers ~~((and))~~, principals or administrators, and superintendents
6 who have received an award for excellence in education ~~((under RCW~~
7 ~~28A.625.020 shall be eligible))~~ and choose to apply for an educational
8 grant ~~((in lieu of receiving a waiver of tuition and fees and a stipend~~
9 ~~as provided under RCW 28A.625.020(3)). The superintendent of public~~
10 ~~instruction))~~ under section 3 of this act shall ((award)) be awarded
11 the grant by the superintendent of public instruction as long as a
12 written grant application is submitted to the superintendent ~~((of~~
13 ~~public instruction))~~ within one year after the award was received. The
14 grant application shall identify the educational purpose toward which
15 the grant shall be used.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) The superintendent of public
17 instruction shall conduct a survey to determine the interest of
18 classified employees in being provided the option of selecting an award
19 as provided under section 3(2) of this act.

20 (2) The superintendent shall report to the legislature and the
21 governor by December 1, 1991, on the results of the survey. The report
22 shall include recommendations and costs.

23 (3) This section shall expire December 31, 1991.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The following acts or parts of acts are
25 each repealed:

26 (1) RCW 28A.625.040 and 1990 c 33 s 515 & 1986 c 147 s 4;

27 (2) RCW 28A.625.070 and 1990 c 33 s 518 & 1986 c 147 s 8; and

1 (3) RCW 28B.15.547 and 1986 c 147 s 6.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** If specific funding for the purposes of
3 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
4 30, 1991, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
5 void.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
9 effect immediately.

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