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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6326**

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD--ACADEMIC GRANTS

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**President of the Senate**

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JOE KING

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 26, 1992

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 **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6326** 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 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Gaspard, Bailey, Rinehart and Bauer)

Read first time 02/03/92.

1            AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence; amending  
2 RCW 28A.625.041, 28A.625.065, 28B.80.255, and 28B.80.265; repealing RCW  
3 28A.625.071; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.041 and 1991 c 255 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

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

1 (a) Except as provided under RCW 28B.80.255, an academic grant  
2 which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of higher  
3 education. The academic grant shall ~~((not exceed the current academic~~  
4 ~~year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at one of~~  
5 ~~the state's research universities and shall not exceed the current~~  
6 ~~academic year full-time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at~~  
7 ~~one of the state's regional universities or The Evergreen State~~  
8 ~~College)) provide reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs  
9 incurred for tuition and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours  
10 or thirty semester credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit  
11 hour not to exceed the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit  
12 hour at the University of Washington in the year the recipient takes  
13 the credits. In addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars  
14 shall be provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the  
15 academic grant beginning with 1992 recipients, if funds are  
16 appropriated for the stipends in the omnibus appropriations act. This  
17 stipend shall be provided as reimbursement for actual costs incurred.  
18 The academic grant shall not be considered compensation for the  
19 purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or~~

20 (b) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The  
21 recognition stipend shall not be considered compensation for the  
22 purposes of RCW 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 ~~recognition stipend shall not be considered compensation for the~~  
3 ~~purposes of RCW 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       **Sec. 2.** ~~RCW 28A.625.065 and 1991 c 255 s 4 are each amended to~~  
20 ~~read as follows:~~

21       ~~((1) The dollar value of the academic grant under RCW~~  
22 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be the amount as provided under RCW~~  
23 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a) at the time the grant is awarded by the higher~~  
24 ~~education coordinating board.~~

25       ~~(2)) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under RCW~~  
26 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be completed within four years after the~~  
27 ~~academic grant is received.~~

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.80.255 and 1991 c 255 s 6 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an  
4 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall use the grant to  
5 attend a state public institution of higher education located in the  
6 state of Washington, except that the academic grant may be used for  
7 courses at a private institution of higher education in the state of  
8 Washington if the conditions in subsection (3) of this section are met,  
9 and the academic grant may be used for courses at a public or a private  
10 institution of higher education in another state or country if the  
11 conditions in subsection (4) of this section are met.

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

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

16       (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the  
17 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level  
18 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized  
19 by rule of the board. Any institution, branch, extension, or facility  
20 operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an  
21 institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited  
22 member institution of an accrediting association recognized by the  
23 board.

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

28       (a) The academic grant shall (~~not exceed the current academic year~~  
29 ~~full-time resident graduate tuition and the services and activities~~  
30 ~~fees in effect at the state-funded research universities~~) provide

1 reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs incurred for tuition  
2 and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours or thirty semester  
3 credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit hour not to exceed  
4 the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit hour at the University  
5 of Washington in the year the recipient takes the credits. In  
6 addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars shall be  
7 provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the academic  
8 grant beginning with 1992 recipients, if funds are appropriated for the  
9 stipends in the omnibus appropriations act. This stipend shall be  
10 provided as reimbursement for actual costs incurred;

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 include  
16 any religious worship or exercise, or apply to any degree in religious,  
17 seminarian, or theological academic studies.

18 (4) Teachers and principals or administrators who select an  
19 academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) 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 include  
4 any religious worship or exercise, or apply to any degree in religious,  
5 seminarian, or theological academic studies.

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

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

11 (2) The rules adopted by the board shall ~~((allow recipients who~~  
12 ~~have begun to use the waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547~~  
13 ~~prior to May 17, 1991, to take the remaining value of the waiver of~~  
14 ~~tuition and fees in the form of the academic grant under RCW~~  
15 ~~28A.625.041(2)(a))~~ reflect that the changes to RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a)  
16 in section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1992 (section 1 of this act) shall  
17 apply to all recipients of a Washington award for excellence in  
18 education, regardless of the statutory language in effect at the time  
19 the award was granted.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.625.071 and 1991 c 255 s 5 are  
21 each repealed.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
25 effect April 30, 1992.

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