

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6074**

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JOEL PRITCHARD

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**President of the Senate**

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BRIAN EBERSOLE

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved April 1, 1994

MIKE LOWRY

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6074** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

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**Secretary**

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AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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**By Senator Gaspard**

Read first time 01/11/94. Referred to Committee on Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for excellence in education  
2 program; amending RCW 28A.625.060 and 28A.625.065; reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 28A.625.041; adding a new section to chapter 28A.625 RCW;  
4 adding a new section to chapter 28B.80 RCW; providing an effective  
5 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

7            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.625.041 and 1992 c 83 s 1 and 1992 c 50 s 1 are  
8 each reenacted and amended to 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, classified employees, and principals or  
16 administrators shall 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 provide reimbursement to the

1 recipient for actual costs incurred for tuition and fees for up to  
2 forty-five quarter credit hours or thirty semester credit hours at a  
3 rate of reimbursement per credit hour not to exceed the resident  
4 graduate, part-time cost per credit hour at the University of  
5 Washington in the year the recipient takes the credits. In addition,  
6 a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars shall be provided for  
7 costs incurred in taking courses covered by the academic grant  
8 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. The academic  
11 grant shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW  
12 28A.400.200; or

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

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

19 (3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this  
20 section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the  
21 following:

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

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

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

32 (5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for  
33 excellence in education, teachers, classified employees, principals or  
34 administrators, and the school district superintendent shall notify the  
35 superintendent of public instruction in writing of their decision to  
36 apply for an academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational  
37 grant as provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The  
38 superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of  
39 those recipients who select the academic grant.

1       (6) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of  
2 the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the  
3 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

4       (7) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

5       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.625.060 and 1992 c 50 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       (1) Teachers, classified employees, principals or administrators,  
8 and superintendents who have received an award for excellence in  
9 education and choose to apply for an educational grant under RCW  
10 28A.625.041 shall be awarded the grant by the superintendent of public  
11 instruction as long as a written grant application is submitted to the  
12 superintendent within one year after the award was received. The grant  
13 application shall identify the educational purpose toward which the  
14 grant shall be used.

15       (2) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of  
16 the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the  
17 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

18       (3) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

19       **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.625.065 and 1992 c 83 s 2 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21       (1) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under RCW  
22 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be completed within four years after the  
23 academic grant is received.

24       (2) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of  
25 the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the  
26 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

27       (3) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

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

30       (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in  
31 education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the  
32 superintendent of public instruction, or their designated  
33 representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate  
34 locations.

35       (2) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this  
36 section, the award for teachers, classified employees, superintendents

1 employed by second class school districts, and principals or  
2 administrators shall include a recognition award of at least two  
3 thousand five hundred dollars. The amount of the recognition award for  
4 superintendents employed by first class school districts shall be at  
5 least one thousand dollars. The recognition award shall not be  
6 considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

7 (3) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this  
8 section, the award for the school board shall include a recognition  
9 award not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The school  
10 board must use its recognition award for an educational purpose.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules  
14 establishing procedures for recipients of the Washington award for  
15 excellence in education academic grant to convert the remaining value  
16 of their grant into a recognition award as provided under section 4 of  
17 this act, subject to the availability of funds from the legislature to  
18 cover this option. This is an option for individuals named by the  
19 office of the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the  
20 Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994,  
21 who have elected to receive their award in the form of the academic  
22 grant. This option shall be exercised only at the discretion of the  
23 academic grant recipients.

24 (2) This section shall expire June 30, 1998.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act is necessary for the  
26 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
27 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
28 and shall take effect April 1, 1994.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If any provision of this act or its  
30 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
31 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
32 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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