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1 AN ACT Relating to child care grants for state institutions of
2 higher education; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Two Washington accounts for student child
5 care in higher education are established. The higher education
6 coordinating board and the state board for community and technical
7 colleges shall administer the programs. Through these programs the
8 boards may award on a competitive basis child care grants to state
9 institutions of higher education to encourage programs to address the
10 need for high quality, accessible, and affordable child care for
11 students at higher education institutions. The university or college
12 administration and student government association, or its equivalent,
13 of each institution receiving the award shall contribute financial
14 support in an amount equal to the child care grant received by the
15 institution.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The institution of higher education shall be
17 eligible to receive the grant for a period not exceeding two years.
18 After the expiration of any two-year grant, the institution may reapply

1 to receive subsequent grant awards or a continuation of the grant
2 awarded the prior two years.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The higher education coordinating board
4 shall administer the program for four-year institutions of higher
5 education. The state board for community and technical colleges shall
6 administer the program for community and technical colleges. The
7 higher education coordinating board and the state board for community
8 and technical colleges shall have the following powers and duties in
9 administering each program:

10 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

11 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the
12 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall
13 include but not be limited to individuals from the Washington
14 association for the education of young children, the child care
15 coordinating committee, and the child care resource and referral
16 network;

17 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting
18 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.
19 During the 1999-2001 biennium the guidelines shall be consistent with
20 the following desired outcomes of increasing access to child care for
21 students, addressing the demand for infant and toddler care, providing
22 affordable child care alternatives, creating more cooperative preschool
23 programs, creating models that can be replicated at other institutions,
24 creating a partnership between university or college administrations
25 and student government, or its equivalent and increasing efficiency and
26 innovation at campus child care centers;

27 (4) To establish guidelines for an allocation system based on
28 factors that include but are not limited to: The amount of money
29 available in the trust fund; characteristics of the institutions
30 including the size of the faculty and student body; and the number of
31 child care grants received;

32 (5) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the
33 institutions of higher education about the program; and

34 (6) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,
35 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Two accounts for student child care in
37 higher education are established in the custody of the state treasurer.

1 Moneys in the accounts may be spent only for the purposes of section 1
2 of this act. Disbursements from one of the accounts shall be on the
3 authorization of the higher education coordinating board and
4 disbursements from the other account shall be on the authorization of
5 the state board for community and technical colleges. The accounts are
6 subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
7 appropriation is required for disbursements.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
9 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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