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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Jarrett, Chase, Veloria, Kessler and Upthegrove)

Brief Description: Gaining independence for students by creating the educational assistance grant program for financially needy students with dependents.

**HB 1277-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the educational assistance grant program for students with dependents subject to the availability of receipts of gifts, grants, or endowments from private sources. The program is created to serve financially needy students with dependents eighteen years of age or younger, by assisting them directly through a grant program to pursue a degree or certificate at public or private institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.802, that participate in the state need grant program.

Declares that, to be eligible for the educational assistance grant program for students with dependents, applicants shall: (1) Be residents of the state of Washington;

(2) Be needy students as defined in RCW 28B.10.802(3);

(3) Be eligible to participate in the state need grant program as set forth under RCW 28B.10.810; and

(4) Have dependents eighteen years of age or younger who are under their care.

Provides that the educational assistance grant program for students with dependents grants may be used by eligible participants to attend any public or private college or university in the state of Washington as defined in RCW 28B.10.802.