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CERTIFICATE

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Dunn, Haigh, Kenney, Hasegawa, B. Sullivan, McDermott, Takko, Roberts, P. Sullivan, Fromhold, Quall, Simpson, Lantz, Hudgins, Kagi, Santos, Ormsby and Morrell)

READ FIRST TIME 3/5/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to the GET ready for math and science scholarship
2 program; amending RCW 28B.95.060; reenacting and amending RCW
3 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter 28B.95 RCW; and adding a
4 new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The GET ready for math and science
7 scholarship program is established. The purpose of the program is to
8 provide scholarships to students who achieve level four on the
9 mathematics or science portions of the tenth grade Washington
10 assessment of student learning or achieve a score in the math section
11 of the SAT or the math section of the ACT that is above the ninety-
12 fifth percentile, major in a mathematics, science, or related field in
13 college, and commit to working in mathematics, science, or a related
14 field for at least three years in Washington following completion of
15 their bachelor's degree. The program shall be administered by the
16 nonprofit organization selected as the private partner in the public-
17 private partnership.

18 (2) The total annual amount of each GET ready for math and science
19 scholarship may vary, but shall not exceed the annual cost of resident

1 undergraduate tuition fees and mandatory fees at the University of
2 Washington. An eligible recipient may receive a GET ready for math and
3 science scholarship for up to one hundred eighty quarter credits, or
4 the semester equivalent, or for up to five years, whichever comes
5 first.

6 (3) Scholarships shall be awarded only to the extent that state
7 funds and private matching funds are available for that purpose in the
8 GET ready for math and science account established in section 11 of
9 this act.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
11 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

12 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

13 (2) "GET units" means tuition units under the advanced college
14 tuition payment program in chapter 28B.95 RCW.

15 (3) "Institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in
16 RCW 28B.92.030.

17 (4) "Program administrator" means the private nonprofit corporation
18 that is registered under Title 24 RCW and qualified as a tax-exempt
19 entity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code,
20 that will serve as the private partner in the public-private
21 partnership under this chapter.

22 (5) "Qualified program" or "qualified major" means a mathematics,
23 science, or related degree program or major line of study offered by an
24 institution of higher education that is included on the list of
25 programs or majors selected by the board and the program administrator
26 under section 10 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) An eligible student is a student who:

28 (a) Is eligible for resident tuition and fee rates as defined in
29 RCW 28B.15.012;

30 (b) Achieved level four on the mathematics or science portion of
31 the tenth grade Washington assessment of student learning or achieved
32 a score in the math section of the SAT or the math section of the ACT
33 that is above the ninety-fifth percentile;

34 (c) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five percent
35 of the state median family income at the time the student applies for

1 a GET ready for math and science scholarship and for up to the two
2 previous years;

3 (d) Has declared an intention to complete a qualified program or
4 qualified major or has entered a qualified program or declared a
5 qualified major at an institution of higher education;

6 (e) Has declared an intention to work in a mathematics, science, or
7 related field in Washington for at least three years immediately
8 following completion of a bachelor's degree or higher degree.

9 (2) An eligible recipient is an eligible student who:

10 (a) Has been awarded a scholarship in accordance with the selection
11 criteria and process established by the board and the program
12 administrator;

13 (b) Enrolls at an institution of higher education within one year
14 of graduating from high school;

15 (c) Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the
16 institution of higher education where the student is enrolled;

17 (d) Takes at least one college-level mathematics or science course
18 each term since enrolling in an institution of higher education; and

19 (e) Enters a qualified program or qualified major no later than the
20 end of the first term in which the student has junior level standing.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) If the student enrolls in a qualified
22 program or declares a qualified major and the program or major is
23 subsequently removed from the list of qualified programs and qualified
24 majors by the board and the program administrator, the student's
25 eligibility to receive a GET ready for math and science scholarship
26 shall not be affected.

27 (2) If a student who received a GET ready for math and science
28 scholarship ceases to be enrolled in an institution of higher
29 education, withdraws or is no longer enrolled in a qualified program,
30 declares a major that is not a qualified major, or otherwise is no
31 longer eligible to receive a GET ready for math and science
32 scholarship, the student shall notify the program administrator as soon
33 as practicable and is not eligible for further GET ready for math and
34 science scholarship awards. Such a student shall also repay the amount
35 of the GET ready for math and science scholarship awarded to the
36 student as required by section 5 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) A recipient of a GET ready for math and
2 science scholarship incurs an obligation to repay the scholarship, with
3 interest and an equalization fee, if he or she does not:

4 (a) Graduate with a bachelor's degree from a qualified program or
5 in a qualified major within five years of first enrolling at an
6 institution of higher education; and

7 (b) Work in Washington in a mathematics, science, or related
8 occupation full time for at least three years following completion of
9 a bachelor's degree, unless he or she is enrolled in a graduate degree
10 program as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

11 (2) A former scholarship recipient who has earned a bachelor's
12 degree shall annually verify to the board that he or she is working
13 full time in a mathematics, science, or related field for three years.

14 (3) If a former scholarship recipient begins but then stops working
15 full time in a mathematics, science, or related field within three
16 years following completion of a bachelor's degree, he or she shall pay
17 back a prorated portion of the amount of the GET ready for math and
18 science scholarship award received by the recipient, plus interest and
19 a prorated equalization fee.

20 (4) A recipient may postpone for up to three years his or her in-
21 state work obligation if he or she enrolls full time in a graduate
22 degree program in mathematics, science, or a related field.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The office of the superintendent of public
24 instruction shall:

25 (1) Notify elementary, middle, junior high, high school, and school
26 district staff and administrators, and the children's administration of
27 the department of social and health services about the GET ready for
28 math and science scholarship program using methods in place for
29 communicating with schools and school districts; and

30 (2) Provide data showing the race, ethnicity, income, and other
31 available demographic information of students who achieve level four of
32 the math and science Washington assessment of student learning in the
33 tenth grade. Compare those data with comparable information on the
34 tenth grade student population as a whole. Submit a report with the
35 analysis to the committees responsible for education and higher
36 education in the legislature on December 1st of even-numbered years.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The board shall:

2 (1) Purchase GET units to be owned and held in trust by the board,
3 for the purpose of scholarship awards as provided for in this section;

4 (2) Distribute scholarship funds, in the form of GET units or
5 through direct payments from the GET ready for math and science
6 scholarship account, to institutions of higher education on behalf of
7 eligible recipients identified by the program administrator;

8 (3) Provide the program administrator with annual reports regarding
9 enrollment, contact, and graduation information of GET ready for math
10 and science scholarship recipients, if the recipients have given
11 permission for the board to do so;

12 (4) Collect repayments from former scholarship recipients who do
13 not meet the eligibility criteria or work obligations;

14 (5) Establish rules for scholarship repayment, approved leaves of
15 absence, deferments, and exceptions to recognize extenuating
16 circumstances that may impact students; and

17 (6) Provide information to school districts in Washington, at least
18 once per year, about the GET ready for math and science scholarship
19 program.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** School districts shall:

21 (1) Notify parents, teachers, counselors, and principals about the
22 GET ready for math and science scholarship program through existing
23 channels. Notification methods may include, but are not limited to,
24 regular school district and building communications, online scholarship
25 bulletins and announcements, notices posted on school walls and
26 bulletin boards, information available in each counselor's office, and
27 school or district scholarship information sessions.

28 (2) Provide each student who achieves level four on the mathematics
29 or science high school Washington assessment of student learning with
30 information regarding the scholarship program and how to contact the
31 program administrator.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The program administrator shall:

33 (1) Solicit and accept grants and donations from private sources to
34 match state funds appropriated for the GET ready for math and science
35 scholarship program;

1 (2) Develop and implement an application, selection, and
2 notification process for awarding GET ready for math and science
3 scholarships;

4 (3) Notify institutions of higher education of scholarship
5 recipients who will attend their institutions and inform them of the
6 terms of the students' eligibility; and

7 (4) Report to private donors on the program outcomes and facilitate
8 contact between scholarship recipients and donors, if the recipients
9 have given the program administrator permission to do so, in order for
10 donors to offer employment opportunities, internships, and career
11 information to recipients.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The board and the program administrator
13 shall jointly:

14 (1) Determine criteria for qualifying undergraduate programs,
15 majors, and courses leading to a bachelor's degree in mathematics,
16 science, or a related field, offered by institutions of higher
17 education. The board shall publish the criteria for qualified courses,
18 and lists of qualified programs and qualified majors on its web site on
19 a biennial basis; and

20 (2) Establish criteria for selecting among eligible applicants
21 those who, without scholarship assistance, would be least likely to
22 pursue a qualified undergraduate program at an institution of higher
23 education in Washington state.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The GET ready for math and science
25 scholarship account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.

26 (2) The board shall deposit into the account all money received for
27 the GET ready for math and science scholarship program from
28 appropriations and private sources. The account shall be
29 self-sustaining.

30 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships to
31 eligible students and for purchases of GET units. Purchased GET units
32 shall be owned and held in trust by the board. Expenditures from the
33 account shall be an equal match of state appropriations and private
34 funds raised by the program administrator.

35 (4) With the exception of the operating costs associated with the

1 management of the account by the treasurer's office as authorized in
2 chapter 43.79A RCW, the account shall be credited with all investment
3 income earned by the account.

4 (5) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations
5 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

6 (6) Disbursements from the account shall be made only on the
7 authorization of the board.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.95
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 Ownership of tuition units purchased by the higher education
11 coordinating board for the GET ready for math and science scholarship
12 program under section 7 of this act shall be in the name of the state
13 of Washington and may be redeemed by the state of Washington on behalf
14 of recipients of GET ready for math and science scholarship program
15 scholarships for tuition and fees.

16 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.95.060 and 2000 c 14 s 5 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) The Washington advanced college tuition payment program account
19 is created in the custody of the state treasurer. The account shall be
20 a discrete nontreasury account retaining its interest earnings in
21 accordance with RCW 43.79A.040.

22 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the governing
23 body shall deposit in the account all money received for the program.
24 The account shall be self-sustaining and consist of payments received
25 from purchasers of tuition units and funds received from other sources,
26 public or private. With the exception of investment and operating
27 costs associated with the investment of money by the investment board
28 paid under RCW 43.33A.160 and 43.84.160, the account shall be credited
29 with all investment income earned by the account. Disbursements from
30 the account are exempt from appropriations and the allotment provisions
31 of chapter 43.88 RCW. Money used for program administration is subject
32 to the allotment of all expenditures. However, an appropriation is not
33 required for such expenditures. Program administration shall include,
34 but not be limited to: The salaries and expenses of the program
35 personnel including lease payments, travel, and goods and services

1 necessary for program operation; contracts for program promotion and
2 advertisement, audits, and account management; and other general costs
3 of conducting the business of the program.

4 (b) All money received by the program from the higher education
5 coordinating board for the GET ready for math and science scholarship
6 program shall be deposited in the GET ready for math and science
7 scholarship account created in section 11 of this act.

8 (3) The assets of the account may be spent without appropriation
9 for the purpose of making payments to institutions of higher education
10 on behalf of the qualified beneficiaries, making refunds, transfers, or
11 direct payments upon the termination of the Washington advanced college
12 tuition payment program. Disbursements from the account shall be made
13 only on the authorization of the governing body.

14 (4) With regard to the assets of the account, the state acts in a
15 fiduciary, not ownership, capacity. Therefore the assets of the
16 program are not considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the
17 state.

18 **Sec. 14.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2006 c 311 s 21 and 2006 c 120 s 2 are
19 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

20 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,
21 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080
22 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the
23 state treasury.

24 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
25 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
26 known as the investment income account.

27 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
28 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
29 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
30 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
31 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
32 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
33 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of
34 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

35 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
36 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
37 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

1 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
2 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
3 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise
4 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the
5 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the
6 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment
7 fund, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
8 endowed scholarship trust fund, the students with dependents grant
9 account, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the
10 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
11 fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the Washington
12 international exchange scholarship endowment fund, the developmental
13 disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account, the fair fund,
14 the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the future teachers
15 conditional scholarship account, the game farm alternative account, the
16 GET ready for math and science scholarship account, the grain
17 inspection revolving fund, the juvenile accountability incentive
18 account, the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' plan 2
19 expense fund, the local tourism promotion account, the produce railcar
20 pool account, the regional transportation investment district account,
21 the rural rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center
22 account, the youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance
23 revolving fund, the sulfur dioxide abatement account, the children's
24 trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission Washington bred
25 owners' bonus fund account, the Washington horse racing commission
26 class C purse fund account, the individual development account program
27 account, the Washington horse racing commission operating account
28 (earnings from the Washington horse racing commission operating account
29 must be credited to the Washington horse racing commission class C
30 purse fund account), the life sciences discovery fund, and the reading
31 achievement account. However, the earnings to be distributed shall
32 first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's service
33 fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

34 (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent
35 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
36 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way
37 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
38 account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the

1 federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle
2 account, the local rail service assistance account, and the
3 miscellaneous transportation programs account.

4 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
5 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
6 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Sections 1 through 11 of this act
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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