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By Representative Bergquist

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1 On page 3, line 10, after "exceed" strike "~~((sixty-five))~~ seventy"
2 and insert "sixty-five"

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4 On page 4, line 31, after "exceed" strike "~~((sixty-five))~~ seventy"
5 and insert "sixty-five"

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7 On page 4, line 33, after "for" strike "~~((sixty-five))~~ seventy" and
8 insert "sixty-five"

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10 On page 6, after line 8, insert the following:
11 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.92.060 and 2012 c 229 s 558 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 In awarding need grants, the office shall proceed substantially
14 as follows: PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be
15 construed to prevent the office, in the exercise of its sound
16 discretion, from following another procedure when the best interest
17 of the program so dictates:

18 (1) The office shall annually select the financial aid award
19 recipients from among Washington residents applying for student
20 financial aid who have been ranked according to:

21 (a) Financial need as determined by the amount of the family
22 contribution; ~~((and))~~

23 (b) College bound scholarship eligibility, in which students who
24 are eligible for the college bound scholarship and whose family
25 incomes are in the zero to seventy percent median family income
26 range shall be prioritized and awarded the maximum state need grant
27 for which they are eligible under state policies and may not be

1 denied maximum state need grant funding due to institutional
2 policies or delayed awarding of college bound scholarship students;
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4 (c) Other considerations, such as whether the student is a
5 former foster youth, or is a placebound student who has completed an
6 associate of arts or associate of science degree or its equivalent.

7 (2) The financial need of the highest ranked students shall be
8 met by grants depending upon the evaluation of financial need until
9 the total allocation has been disbursed. Funds from grants which are
10 declined, forfeited or otherwise unused shall be reawarded until
11 disbursed, except that eligible former foster youth shall be assured
12 receipt of a grant. The office, in consultation with four-year
13 institutions of higher education, the council, and the state board
14 for community and technical colleges, shall develop award criteria
15 and methods of disbursement based on level of need, and not solely
16 rely on a first-come, first-served basis.

17 (3) A student shall be eligible to receive a state need grant
18 for up to five years, or the credit or clock hour equivalent of five
19 years, or up to one hundred twenty-five percent of the published
20 length of time of the student's program. A student may not start a
21 new associate degree program as a state need grant recipient until
22 at least five years have elapsed since earning an associate degree
23 as a need grant recipient, except that a student may earn two
24 associate degrees concurrently. Qualifications for renewal will
25 include maintaining satisfactory academic progress toward completion
26 of an eligible program as determined by the office. Should the
27 recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any reason during the
28 academic year, the unused portion of the grant shall be returned to
29 the state educational grant fund by the institution according to the
30 institution's own policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in
31 RCW 28B.92.070.

32 (4) In computing financial need, the office shall determine a
33 maximum student expense budget allowance, not to exceed an amount
34 equal to the total maximum student expense budget at the public

1 institutions plus the current average state appropriation per
2 student for operating expense in the public institutions. Any child
3 support payments received by students who are parents attending less
4 than half-time shall not be used in computing financial need.

5 (5)(a) A student who is enrolled in three to six credit-bearing
6 quarter credits, or the equivalent semester credits, may receive a
7 grant for up to one academic year before beginning a program that
8 leads to a degree or certificate.

9 (b) An eligible student enrolled on a less-than-full-time basis
10 shall receive a prorated portion of his or her state need grant for
11 any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on a less-than-
12 full-time basis, as long as funds are available.

13 (c) An institution of higher education may award a state need
14 grant to an eligible student enrolled in three to six credit-bearing
15 quarter credits, or the semester equivalent, on a provisional basis
16 if:

17 (i) The student has not previously received a state need grant
18 from that institution;

19 (ii) The student completes the required free application for
20 federal student aid;

21 (iii) The institution has reviewed the student's financial
22 condition, and the financial condition of the student's family if
23 the student is a dependent student, and has determined that the
24 student is likely eligible for a state need grant; and

25 (iv) The student has signed a document attesting to the fact
26 that the financial information provided on the free application for
27 federal student aid and any additional financial information
28 provided directly to the institution is accurate and complete, and
29 that the student agrees to repay the institution for the grant
30 amount if the student submitted false or incomplete information.

31 (6) As used in this section, "former foster youth" means a
32 person who is at least eighteen years of age, but not more than
33 twenty-four years of age, who was a dependent of the department of
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1 social and health services at the time he or she attained the age of
2 eighteen."

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4 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
5 internal references accordingly.

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7 Correct the title.

EFFECT:

- Removes the expanded 70 percent income eligibility threshold for the College Bound Scholarship (CBS) and maintains the current income eligibility threshold of 65 percent.
- Codifies current budgetary language that prioritizes CBS students for the State Need Grant and expands the prioritization to those CBS eligible students with family incomes up to 70 percent of median family income.

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