
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2288

State of Washington 54th Legislature 1996 Regular Session

By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen, Carlson and Mason)

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial aid portability; amending RCW
2 28B.10.790 and 28B.10.802; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW;
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) During the next fifteen to twenty years, Washington's colleges
7 and universities will face significant capacity and fiscal pressures as
8 they attempt to meet the enrollment demands of students from the baby
9 boom echo generation and from workers seeking retraining;

10 (b) One of the ways to help alleviate some of the pressure caused
11 by enrollment demands may be by permitting students to use their
12 financial aid awards to study in other states;

13 (c) Some of Washington's needy college students would benefit from
14 an opportunity to study in specialized programs or institutions of
15 higher education located in other states; and

16 (d) The state could benefit by creating pilot projects that study
17 creative, cost-effective ways to meet the postsecondary education needs
18 of Washington's students.

1 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to direct the higher
2 education coordinating board to establish a pilot project that permits
3 a limited number of students to use their state need grant awards to
4 study in other states.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall create a pilot
8 project that permits some students to use their state need grant awards
9 when the students study in other states. The pilot project shall
10 include, but need not be limited to, needy students from Clark county
11 who wish to attend an eligible institution of higher education located
12 in the Portland area. The board may adopt rules to establish
13 eligibility criteria for student and institutional participation in the
14 pilot project. By December 15, 2002, the board shall report to the
15 governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on the results
16 of the pilot project. The report shall include a recommendation on the
17 extent financial aid portability should be permitted for Washington's
18 students.

19 (2) This section expires June 30, 2003.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 1985 c 370 s 54 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or
23 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with the
24 state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial aid
25 program outlined in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 if ~~((+1))~~ (a)
26 they qualify as a "needy student" under RCW 28B.10.802(3), and ~~((+2))~~
27 (b) the institution attended is a member institution of an accrediting
28 association recognized by rule of the higher education coordinating
29 board for the purposes of this section and is specifically encompassed
30 within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement and agrees to
31 and complies with program rules and regulations pertaining to such
32 students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.10.822.

33 (2) Washington residents participating in the pilot project under
34 section 2 of this act shall be eligible for the student financial aid
35 program outlined in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 if the residents
36 (a) qualify as needy students under RCW 28B.10.802(3), (b) are enrolled
37 at an eligible institution as defined by the board under section 2 of

1 this act, and (c) meet any additional criteria established by the board
2 for participation in the pilot project.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.802 and 1989 c 254 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 As used in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824:

6 (1) "Institutions of higher education" shall mean (~~((1))~~) (a) any
7 public university, college, community college, or vocational-technical
8 institute operated by the state of Washington or any political
9 subdivision thereof (~~(or (2))~~); (b) any institution of higher education
10 that meets the eligibility requirements established by the board under
11 section 2 of this act; or (c) any other university, college, school, or
12 institute in the state of Washington offering instruction beyond the
13 high school level which is a member institution of an accrediting
14 association recognized by rule of the board for the purposes of this
15 section: PROVIDED, That any institution, branch, extension or facility
16 operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an
17 institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited
18 member institution of any such accrediting association: PROVIDED
19 FURTHER, That no institution of higher education shall be eligible to
20 participate in a student financial aid program unless it agrees to and
21 complies with program rules and regulations adopted pursuant to RCW
22 28B.10.822.

23 (2) The term "financial aid" shall mean loans and/or grants to
24 needy students enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at
25 institutions of higher education.

26 (3) The term "needy student" shall mean a post high school student
27 of an institution of higher learning as defined in subsection (1) of
28 this section who demonstrates to the board the financial inability,
29 either through the student's parents, family and/or personally, to meet
30 the total cost of board, room, books, and tuition and incidental fees
31 for any semester or quarter.

32 (4) The term "disadvantaged student" shall mean a post high school
33 student who by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,
34 experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify for
35 enrollment as a full time student in an institution of higher learning,
36 who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is attending an
37 institution of higher learning under an established program designed to
38 qualify the student for enrollment as a full time student.

1 (5) "Commission" or "board" shall mean the higher education
2 coordinating board.

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