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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6418**

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**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Fain, Dammeier, Angel, Tom, Bailey, Becker, and Mullet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating flexibility for the educator retooling  
2 conditional scholarship program; and amending RCW 28A.660.045 and  
3 28A.660.050.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.660.045 and 2007 c 396 s 7 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The educator retooling (~~((to teach mathematics and science))~~)  
8 conditional scholarship program is created. Participation is limited  
9 to current K-12 teachers and individuals having an elementary education  
10 certificate but who are not employed in positions requiring an  
11 elementary education certificate. It is anticipated that candidates  
12 enrolled in this program will complete the requirements for a  
13 mathematics ((~~or~~)), science, special education, bilingual education, or  
14 English language learner endorsement(~~(, or both,)~~) in two years or  
15 less.

16 (2) Entry requirements for candidates include:

17 (a) Current K-12 teachers shall pursue a middle level mathematics  
18 or science, (~~((~~or~~))~~) secondary mathematics or science, special education,  
19 bilingual education, or English language learner endorsement.

1 (b) Individuals having an elementary education certificate but who  
2 are not employed in positions requiring an elementary education  
3 certificate shall pursue an endorsement only in middle level  
4 mathematics or science ~~((only))~~, special education, bilingual  
5 education, or English language learner.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.660.050 and 2012 c 229 s 507 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for these  
9 purposes, the conditional scholarship programs in this chapter are  
10 created under the following guidelines:

11 (1) The programs shall be administered by the student achievement  
12 council. In administering the programs, the council has the following  
13 powers and duties:

14 (a) To adopt necessary rules and develop guidelines to administer  
15 the programs;

16 (b) To collect and manage repayments from participants who do not  
17 meet their service obligations; and

18 (c) To accept grants and donations from public and private sources  
19 for the programs.

20 (2) Requirements for participation in the conditional scholarship  
21 programs are as provided in this subsection (2).

22 (a) The alternative route conditional scholarship program is  
23 limited to interns of professional educator standards board-approved  
24 alternative routes to teaching programs under RCW 28A.660.040. For  
25 fiscal year 2011, priority must be given to fiscal year 2010  
26 participants in the alternative route partnership program. In order to  
27 receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:

28 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment in alternative  
29 certification routes through a professional educator standards board-  
30 approved program;

31 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of  
32 the alternative route certification program and receipt of a residency  
33 teaching certificate; and

34 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,  
35 not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees,  
36 and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation  
37 for the alternative route certification program in which the recipient

1 is enrolled. The council may adjust the annual award by the average  
2 rate of resident undergraduate tuition and fee increases at the state  
3 universities as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

4 (b) The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship program  
5 is limited to qualified paraeducators as provided by RCW 28A.660.042.  
6 In order to receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:

7 (i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment at a community and  
8 technical college for no more than two years and attain an associate of  
9 arts degree;

10 (ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of an  
11 associate of arts degree. This progress requirement is a condition for  
12 eligibility into a route one program of the alternative routes to  
13 teacher certification program for a mathematics, special education, or  
14 English as a second language endorsement; and

15 (iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship,  
16 not to exceed four thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees, and  
17 educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation for  
18 the alternative route certification program in which the recipient is  
19 enrolled. The student achievement council may adjust the annual award  
20 by the average rate of tuition and fee increases at the state community  
21 and technical colleges.

22 (c) The educator retooling (~~((to teach mathematics and science))~~)  
23 conditional scholarship program is limited to current K-12 teachers.  
24 In order to receive conditional scholarship awards:

25 (i) Individuals currently employed as teachers shall pursue a  
26 middle level mathematics or science, or secondary mathematics or  
27 science endorsement; special education, bilingual education, or English  
28 language learner endorsement; or

29 (ii) Individuals who are certificated with an elementary education  
30 endorsement shall pursue an endorsement in middle level mathematics or  
31 science, or both; special education, bilingual education, or English  
32 language learner endorsement; and

33 (iii) Individuals shall use one of the pathways to endorsement  
34 processes to receive a mathematics or science endorsement, or both, or  
35 special education, bilingual education, or English language learner  
36 endorsement, which shall include passing (~~((a mathematics or science))~~)  
37 an endorsement test, or (~~((both))~~) tests, plus observation and completing  
38 applicable coursework to attain the proper endorsement; and

1 (iv) Individuals shall receive no more than the annual amount of  
2 the scholarship, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for the cost of  
3 tuition, test fees, and educational expenses, including books,  
4 supplies, and transportation for the endorsement pathway being pursued.

5 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
6 select individuals to receive conditional scholarships. In selecting  
7 recipients, preference shall be given to eligible veterans or national  
8 guard members.

9 (4) For the purpose of this chapter, a conditional scholarship is  
10 a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part in exchange for service as  
11 a certificated teacher employed in a Washington state K-12 public  
12 school. The state shall forgive one year of loan obligation for every  
13 two years a recipient teaches in a public school. Recipients who fail  
14 to continue a course of study leading to residency teacher  
15 certification or cease to teach in a public school in the state of  
16 Washington in their endorsement area are required to repay the  
17 remaining loan principal with interest.

18 (5) Recipients who fail to fulfill the required teaching obligation  
19 are required to repay the remaining loan principal with interest and  
20 any other applicable fees. The student achievement council shall adopt  
21 rules to define the terms for repayment, including applicable interest  
22 rates, fees, and deferments.

23 (6) The student achievement council may deposit all appropriations,  
24 collections, and any other funds received for the program in this  
25 chapter in the future teachers conditional scholarship account  
26 authorized in RCW 28B.102.080.

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