
SENATE BILL 5290

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By Senators Kohl, Sheldon and Bauer; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to the doctoral fellowship for faculty diversity
2 program; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of the doctoral fellowship for
5 faculty diversity program is to increase the number of ethnic
6 minorities available to teach at the college and university level in
7 academic disciplines in which ethnic minorities are demonstrably
8 underrepresented in Washington colleges and universities. Additionally
9 the purpose of this chapter is to create a partnership between the
10 state, institutions of higher education, and students that will lead to
11 greater participation of ethnic minorities in the ranks of college and
12 university faculties, enhancing educational opportunities and quality
13 for all Washington citizens. The fellowship program will also
14 supplement funding from foundations and institutions for minority
15 doctoral students.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
17 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
18 chapter.

1 (1) "Academic committee" means a committee at a sponsoring
2 institution appointed by the president of the institution and composed
3 of two faculty members, two academic administrators, and one central
4 administrator.

5 (2) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

6 (3) "Eligible institution" means a board-approved institution of
7 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 that offers a doctoral
8 degree-granting program in academic disciplines in which ethnic
9 minorities are demonstrably underrepresented.

10 (4) "Sponsoring institution" means an institution of higher
11 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 that offers a doctoral degree-
12 granting program in academic disciplines in which ethnic minorities are
13 demonstrably underrepresented.

14 (5) "Student" means an individual who is an ethnic minority and has
15 been accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution to undertake a
16 doctoral level course of instruction in an academic discipline in which
17 ethnic minorities are demonstrably underrepresented.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The doctoral fellowship for faculty
19 diversity program is created.

20 (2) A doctoral fellowship may be granted to a student, for a period
21 not to exceed two years, who:

22 (a) Has successfully completed all requirements for a baccalaureate
23 degree at an institution of higher education as defined in RCW
24 28B.10.016 in an academic discipline in which ethnic minorities are
25 demonstrably underrepresented;

26 (b) Has met the admissions requirements and is accepted for
27 enrollment as a full-time doctoral student in an eligible institution;

28 (c) Has been interviewed and approved by an academic committee from
29 the sponsoring institution;

30 (d) Has received a commitment from the institution for a minimum of
31 a one-year teaching assistantship in the student's academic discipline;

32 (e) Has complied with all the rules adopted by the board for the
33 doctoral fellowship for faculty diversity program; and

34 (f) Is a citizen of the United States.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The board may adopt such rules and
36 procedures as necessary or appropriate for the implementation of the
37 doctoral fellowship for faculty diversity program.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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