
SENATE BILL 5044

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state work-study program; amending RCW
2 28B.12.030 and 28B.12.060; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington
5 employers have work-study internship opportunities available for
6 students in high demand fields. The legislature further finds that
7 work-study experiences help students gain valuable work skills while
8 also helping them finance their higher education. The legislature
9 intends to provide a greater emphasis on internships for Washington
10 work-study students in high employer demand fields.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.12.030 and 2002 c 187 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have
14 the following meanings, unless the context shall clearly indicate
15 another or different meaning or intent:

16 (1) The term "needy student" shall mean a resident student, as
17 defined in RCW 28B.15.012, enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a
18 postsecondary institution who, according to a system of need analysis

1 approved by the higher education coordinating board, demonstrates a
2 financial inability, either parental, familial, or personal, to bear
3 the total cost of education for any semester or quarter.

4 (2) The term "eligible institution" shall mean any post-secondary
5 institution in this state accredited by the Northwest Association of
6 Schools and Colleges, or a branch of a member institution of an
7 accrediting association recognized by rule of the board for purposes of
8 this section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid
9 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university
10 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty
11 consecutive years within the state of Washington, or any public
12 technical college in the state.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.12.060 and 2005 c 93 s 4 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules as may be
16 necessary or appropriate for effecting the provisions of this chapter,
17 and not in conflict with this chapter, in accordance with the
18 provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW, the state higher education
19 administrative procedure act. Such rules shall include provisions
20 designed to make employment under the work-study program reasonably
21 available, to the extent of available funds, to all eligible needy
22 students in eligible postsecondary institutions (~~(in need thereof)~~).
23 The rules shall include:

24 (1) Providing work under the state work-study program that will not
25 result in the displacement of employed workers or impair existing
26 contracts for services;

27 (2) Furnishing work only to a student who:

28 (a) Is capable, in the opinion of the eligible institution, of
29 maintaining good standing in such course of study while employed under
30 the program covered by the agreement; and

31 (b) Has been accepted for enrollment as at least a half-time
32 student at the eligible institution or, in the case of a student
33 already enrolled in and attending the eligible institution, is in good
34 standing and in at least half-time attendance there either as an
35 undergraduate, graduate or professional student; and

36 (c) Is not pursuing a degree in theology;

37 (3) Placing priority on providing:

1 (a) Work opportunities for students who are (~~residents of the~~
2 ~~state of Washington as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013,~~
3 ~~particularly~~) former foster youth as defined in RCW 28B.92.060(~~(~~
4 ~~except resident students defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2)(g))~~);

5 (b) Job placements in high employer demand fields related to each
6 student's academic or vocational pursuits, with an emphasis on off-
7 campus job placements (~~whenever appropriate~~); and

8 (c) Off-campus community service placements;

9 (4) Provisions to assure that in the state institutions of higher
10 education, utilization of this work-study program:

11 (a) Shall only supplement and not supplant classified positions
12 under jurisdiction of chapter 41.06 RCW;

13 (b) That all positions established which are comparable shall be
14 identified to a job classification under the director of personnel's
15 classification plan and shall receive equal compensation;

16 (c) Shall not take place in any manner that would replace
17 classified positions reduced due to lack of funds or work; and

18 (d) That work study positions shall only be established at entry
19 level positions of the classified service unless the overall scope and
20 responsibilities of the position indicate a higher level; and

21 (5) Provisions to encourage job placements in occupations that meet
22 Washington's economic development goals, especially those in
23 international trade and international relations. The board shall
24 permit appropriate job placements in other states and other countries.

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