
SENATE BILL 6523

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AN ACT Relating to expanding higher education opportunities for certain students; amending RCW 28B.92.010; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

Sec. 1 RCW 28B.92.010 and 2004 c 275 s 34 are each amended to read as follows: The purposes of this chapter are to establish the principles upon which the state financial aid programs will be based and to establish the state of Washington state need grant program, thus assisting financially needy or disadvantaged students domiciled in Washington to obtain the opportunity of attending an accredited institution of higher education. State need grants under this chapter are available only to students who are resident students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (((d))) (e) or any person who has completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a high school diploma, either at a Washington public high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma; who has lived in Washington state for at least three years immediately before receiving the diploma or its equivalent; who has continuously lived in the state of Washington after receiving the diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is admitted to an eligible institution of higher education and has been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the United States citizenship and immigration services.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2** This act may be known and cited as the real hope act.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3** The sum of five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the general fund to the student achievement council solely for the purpose of student financial aid payments under the state need grant program.