

## CHAPTER 437

[Substitute House Bill No. 857]

## FUTURE TEACHERS CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to assistance for future teachers; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and creating a new section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. The legislature finds that encouraging outstanding students to enter the teaching profession is of paramount importance to the state of Washington. By creating the future teachers conditional scholarship program, the legislature intends to assist in the effort to recruit as future teachers students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement and students who can act as role models for children including those from targeted ethnic minorities. The legislature urges business, industry, and philanthropic community organizations to join with state government in making this program successful.

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

(1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in the public schools of this state.

(2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher education coordinating board.

(3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

(4) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates achievement of at least a 3.30 grade point average for students entering an institution of higher education directly from high school or maintains at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for each academic year in an institution of higher education, is a resident student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, and has a declared intention to complete an approved preparation program leading to initial teacher certification or required for earning an additional endorsement, or a college or university graduate who meets the same credit hour requirements and is seeking an additional teaching endorsement or initial teacher certification.

(5) "Public school" means an elementary school, a middle school, junior high school, or high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution.

(6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render service as a teacher at a public school in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

(7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

(8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a conditional scholarship under this chapter.

(9) "Targeted ethnic minority" means a group of Americans with a common ethnic or racial heritage selected by the board for program consideration due to societal concerns such as high dropout rates or low rates of college participation by members of the group.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The future teachers conditional scholarship program is established. The program shall be administered by the higher education coordinating board. In administering the program, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Select students to receive conditional scholarships, with the assistance of a screening committee composed of teachers and leaders in government, business, and education;

(2) Adopt necessary rules and guidelines;

(3) Publicize the program;

(4) Collect and manage repayments from students who do not meet their teaching obligations under this chapter; and

(5) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public and private sources for the program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The higher education coordinating board shall establish a planning committee to develop criteria for the screening and selection of recipients of the conditional scholarships. These criteria shall emphasize factors demonstrating excellence including but not limited to superior scholastic achievement, leadership ability, community contributions, and an ability to act as a role model for targeted ethnic minority students. These criteria also may include, for approximately half of the recipients, requirements that those recipients meet the definition of "needy student" under RCW 28B.10.802.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The board may award conditional scholarships to eligible students from the funds appropriated to the board for this purpose, or from any private donations, or any other funds given to the board for this program. The amount of the conditional scholarship awarded an individual shall not exceed three thousand dollars per academic year. Students are eligible to receive conditional scholarships for a maximum of five years.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. (1) Participants in the conditional scholarship program incur an obligation to repay the conditional scholarship, with interest, unless they teach for ten years in the public schools of the state of Washington, under rules adopted by the board.

(2) The terms of the repayment, including deferral of the interest, shall be consistent with the terms of the federal guaranteed loan program.

(3) The period for repayment shall be ten years, with payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the participant completes or discontinues the course of study.

(4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be forgiven for each payment period in which the participant teaches in a public school until the entire repayment obligation is satisfied or the borrower ceases to teach at a public school in this state. Should the participant cease to teach at a public school in this state before the participant's repayment obligation is completed, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the principal and interest shall begin the next payment period and continue until the remainder of the participant's repayment obligation is satisfied.

(5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. The board is responsible to forgive all or parts of such repayments under the criteria established in this section and shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

(6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other subsidies to which the board as administrator is entitled, which are paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be deposited with the higher education coordinating board and shall be used to cover the costs of granting the conditional scholarships, maintaining necessary records, and making collections under subsection (5) of this section. The board shall maintain accurate records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs shall be used to grant conditional scholarships to eligible students.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. After consulting with the higher education coordinating board, the governor may transfer the administration of this program to another agency with an appropriate educational mission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. No conditional scholarships shall be granted after June 30, 1994, until the program is reviewed by the legislative budget committee and is reenacted by the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or

the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 438

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 648]

### NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

AN ACT Relating to noxious weed control; amending RCW 17.10.010, 17.10.030, 17.10.040, 17.10.050, 17.10.060, 17.10.070, 17.10.080, 17.10.090, 17.10.100, 17.10.110, 17.10.120, 17.10.130, 17.10.150, 17.10.160, 17.10.170, 17.10.180, 17.10.190, 17.10.200, 17.10.210, 17.10.230, 17.10.235, 17.10.240, 17.10.250, 17.10.260, 17.10.270, 17.10.280, 17.10.290, 17.10.900, and 43.51.407; adding new sections to chapter 17.10 RCW; repealing RCW 17.08.010, 17.08.020, 17.08.050, 17.08.060, 17.08.070, 17.08.080, 17.08.090, 17.08.100, 17.08.110, 17.08.120, 17.08.130, 17.08.140, 17.08.150, and 17.10.220; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 13, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 17.10.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Noxious weed" means any plant (~~(growing in a county which is determined by the state noxious weed control board to be injurious to crops, livestock, or other property and which is included for purpose of control on such county's noxious weed list))~~ which when established is highly destructive, competitive, or difficult to control by cultural or chemical practices.

(2) "State noxious weed list" means a list of noxious weeds adopted by the state noxious weed control board which list is divided into three classes:

(a) Class A shall consist of those noxious weeds not native to the state that are of limited distribution or are unrecorded in the state and that pose a serious threat to the state;

(b) Class B shall consist of those noxious weeds not native to the state that are of limited distribution or are unrecorded in a region of the state and that pose a serious threat to that region;

(c) Class C shall consist of any other noxious weeds.

(3) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, the state or any department, agency, or subdivision thereof, or any other entity.

~~((3))~~ (4) "Owner" means the person in actual control of property, or his agent, whether such control is based on legal or equitable title or on any other interest entitling the holder to possession and, for purposes of liability, pursuant to RCW 17.10.170 or 17.10.210, means the possessor of legal or