

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5115 SB	Title: Service grant program	Agency: 340-Student Achievement Council
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	4.7	4.4	4.6	3.2	3.2
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000
Total \$	822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

SB5115 establishes the Washington Dream Act Service Incentive Program for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible students for community or volunteer service. WSAC shall develop and administer the program and may enter into agreements with employers and institutions of higher education.

Beginning in the 2025-26 academic year, WSAC shall disburse grant awards to approved institutions. (Note: Implementation cannot be completed until the 2026-27 academic year as IT development will be required by WSAC for the program implementation).

Approved institutions or organizations means: Institution of higher education; nonprofit organization, for-profit business entity; or a governmental entity that are approved by the office (Sec 1 (4)).

Grant awards will (Sec 2 (3) a):

- * Be based on eligible student's financial need
- * Be calculated by multiplying the number of hours of service to be performed per week by the number of weeks in the academic term by the adjusted minimum wage rate calculated by the department of labor industries under RCW 49.46.020(2) (b)
- * May not exceed 19 hours per week
- * Be disbursed at the beginning of each term as long as the student remains eligible

Eligible students (Sec. 3 (a-e)):

- * Must be a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.96.010
- * Demonstrate need
- * Have completed the Washington Application for Student Financial Aid (WASFA)
- * Has enrolled or intends to enroll in at least six quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits
- * Is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the office at an institution of higher education
- * Do not qualify for federally funded student financial aid because of their immigration status

Staff time estimates are rounded to the nearest 0.1 FTE and staff-related and other costs are rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The grant cost totals associated with the student grant are indeterminate. However, assuming 2,000 eligible students for a total of 19 hours per week over a 12-week quarter and an \$18.00 per hour average minimum wage rate would require grant funding of \$8,208,000 per quarter or \$24,624,000 for the academic year. (This is using an average of minimum wage rates that vary between \$16.66 and more than \$20 per hour throughout the state.)

STAFFING

WSAC IT will need to develop the framework for the program so that funds can be distributed to the institutions, a mechanism for awards and payments to be completed, and for system implementation. The updates to the agency's financial aid payment system and standing up the program would be completed in FY2026. PLEASE NOTE: The earliest the program would be available is the 2026-27 academic year.

An Associate Director would be required to ensure program development is completed with assistance from a Program Manager and a Program Coordinator. The Associate Director and support staff would ensure that approved organizations are vetted and eligible students identified. A WSAC policy member would lead the convening of a work group to strategize the program implementation. A Communication Specialist would be required during the program rollout and a fulltime IT developer would be needed for the first two years to build and implement the IT solution with ongoing support after that. Ongoing work includes continued approval of organizations and eligible students.

The costs associated with staff to carry out the work described above would be as follows:

FY26: \$822,000 for 1.0 FTE Associate Director, 1.0 FTE Program Manager, 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator, 1.0 FTE IT Developer, 0.5 FTE Communications Specialist, 0.2 FTE Policy Associate.

FY27: \$762,000 for 1.0 FTE Associate Director, 1.0 FTE Program Manager, 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator, 1.0 FTE IT Developer, 0.3 FTE Communications Specialist, 0.1 FTE Policy Associate.

FY28 and ongoing: \$531,000 annually for 0.5 FTE Associate Director, 1.0 FTE Program Manager, 0.5 FTE IT Programmer, 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator, 0.1 FTE Communication Specialist, and 0.1 FTE Policy Associate.

Staff time estimates are rounded to the nearest 0.1 FTE and staff-related and other costs are rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

Assumptions:

A work group should be convened by the office to identify the mechanism for program implementation. Participants would include representatives from higher education institutions, nonprofit organizations, for-profit business entities and/or governmental entities.

The staffing needs are based on the grant cost estimates shown below assuming 2,000 students participating (although the cost estimate is indeterminate). Additional staffing would be needed if award levels exceed 2,000.

Cost calculations based on the assumptions are as follows:

2,000 awards x 19 hours/week at \$18.00/hour average minimum wage x 12-week quarter = \$8,208,000 total grant per quarter term; Total Award Year grants (quarter or semester institution) = \$24,624,000. A semester term would cost \$12,312,000.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000
Total \$			822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	4.7	4.4	4.6	3.2	3.2
A-Salaries and Wages	409,000	384,000	793,000	518,000	518,000
B-Employee Benefits	148,000	129,000	277,000	182,000	182,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	261,000	245,000	506,000	356,000	356,000
G-Travel	4,000	4,000	8,000	6,000	6,000
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
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Total \$	822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000

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III. C - Operating FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Associate Director	110,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
Communications Specialist	87,000	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
IT Developer	106,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
Policy Associate	75,000	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Program Coordinator	58,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Program Manager	76,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		4.7	4.4	4.6	3.2	3.2

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Student Financial Aid (030)	822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000
Total \$	822,000	762,000	1,584,000	1,062,000	1,062,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

The office would need to adopt rules for the effective and efficient implementation of this act.