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1 AN ACT Relating to students receiving home-based instruction  
2 participating in the running start program; and amending RCW  
3 28A.600.310 and 28A.600.320.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 1994 c 205 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have not  
8 yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible  
9 to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may apply to a participating  
10 institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs  
11 offered by the institution of higher education. In addition, children  
12 receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW who are  
13 eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades and who have not yet  
14 received a high school diploma or its equivalent may apply to a  
15 participating institution of higher education to enroll in courses or  
16 programs offered by the institution of higher education. However,  
17 students are eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating  
18 universities only if the board of directors of the student's school  
19 district has decided to participate in the program. Participating

1 institutions of higher education, in consultation with school  
2 districts, may establish admission standards for ((these)) students.  
3 However, children receiving home-based instruction shall not be  
4 required to be working toward a high school diploma as a condition of  
5 participation in the running start program and shall be allowed to  
6 enroll in the running start program upon successful completion of a  
7 placement exam, as determined by the institution of higher education.  
8 If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school  
9 ((pupil)) student for enrollment under this section, the institution of  
10 higher education shall send written notice to the ((pupil)) student and  
11 the ((pupil's)) student's school district within ten days of  
12 acceptance. For children receiving home-based instruction, the  
13 institution of higher education shall send written notice to the child  
14 upon acceptance for enrollment under this section. The notice shall  
15 indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that ((pupil)) student.

16 (2)(a) For children enrolled in high school, the ((pupil's))  
17 student's school district shall transmit to the institution of higher  
18 education an amount per each full-time equivalent college student at  
19 state-wide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational students.  
20 The superintendent of public instruction shall separately calculate and  
21 allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260  
22 to school districts for purposes of making such payments and for  
23 granting school districts seven percent thereof to offset program  
24 related costs.

25 (b) For children receiving home-based instruction, the  
26 superintendent of public instruction shall transmit to the institution  
27 of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college  
28 student at state-wide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational  
29 students.

30 (c) The calculations and allocations in (a) and (b) of this  
31 subsection shall be based upon the estimated state-wide annual average  
32 per full-time equivalent high school student allocations under RCW  
33 28A.150.260, excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable  
34 rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public  
35 instruction, the higher education coordinating board, and the state  
36 board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the  
37 calculation and distribution of the funds.

38 (d) The institution of higher education shall not require the  
39 ((pupil)) student to pay any other fees. The funds received by the

1 institution of higher education from the school district shall not be  
2 deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the institution  
3 of higher education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall  
4 not be counted for the purpose of determining any enrollment  
5 restrictions imposed by the state on the institution of higher  
6 education.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.320 and 1994 c 205 s 3 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 A school district shall provide general information about the  
10 program to all ((pupils)) students in grades ten, eleven, and twelve,  
11 including children receiving home-based instruction who are in the  
12 equivalent of grades ten, eleven, and twelve, and the parents and  
13 guardians of those ((pupils)) students. To assist the district in  
14 planning, a ((pupil)) student enrolled in a high school shall inform  
15 the district of the ((pupil's)) student's intent to enroll in courses  
16 at an institution of higher education for credit. Students are  
17 responsible for applying for admission to the institution of higher  
18 education.

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