
HOUSE BILL 2852

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By Representatives Parker, Wallace, and Schmick

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1 AN ACT Relating to college-level online learning by high school
2 students; and amending RCW 28A.250.010 and 28A.250.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.250.010 and 2009 c 542 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1)(a) "Multidistrict online provider" means:

9 (i) A private or nonprofit organization that enters into a contract
10 with a school district to provide online courses or programs to K-12
11 students from more than one school district;

12 (ii) A private or nonprofit organization that enters into contracts
13 with multiple school districts to provide online courses or programs to
14 K-12 students from those districts; or

15 (iii) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a school
16 district that provides online courses or programs to students who
17 reside outside the geographic boundaries of the school district.

18 (b) "Multidistrict online provider" does not include:

1 (i) A school district online learning program in which fewer than
2 ten percent of the students enrolled in the program are from other
3 districts under the interdistrict student transfer provisions of RCW
4 28A.225.225(~~(".—— "Multidistrict online provider" also does not~~
5 include));

6 (ii) Regional online learning programs that are jointly developed
7 and implemented by two or more school districts or an educational
8 service district through an interdistrict cooperative program agreement
9 that addresses, at minimum, how the districts share student full-time
10 equivalency for state basic education funding purposes and how
11 categorical education programs, including special education, are
12 provided to eligible students; or

13 (iii) A public institution of higher education in Washington or an
14 in-state or out-of-state institution of higher education accredited by
15 an accrediting association recognized by the higher education
16 coordinating board under chapter 28B.85 RCW, only as long as the online
17 course or program being delivered generates college credits.

18 (2)(a) "Online course" means a course that:

19 (i) Is delivered primarily electronically using the internet or
20 other computer-based methods; and

21 (ii) Is taught by a teacher primarily from a remote location.
22 Students enrolled in an online course may have access to the teacher
23 synchronously, asynchronously, or both.

24 (b) "Online school program" means a school program that:

25 (i) Is delivered primarily electronically using the internet or
26 other computer-based methods;

27 (ii) Is taught by a teacher primarily from a remote location.
28 Students enrolled in an online program may have access to the teacher
29 synchronously, asynchronously, or both;

30 (iii) Delivers a part-time or full-time sequential program; and

31 (iv) Has an online component of the program with online lessons and
32 tools for student and data management.

33 (c) An online course or online school program may be delivered to
34 students at school as part of the regularly scheduled school day. An
35 online course or online school program also may be delivered to
36 students, in whole or in part, independently from a regular classroom
37 schedule, but such courses or programs must comply with RCW 28A.150.262
38 to qualify for state basic education funding.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.250.060 and 2009 c 542 s 7 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, school districts may
4 claim state basic education funding, to the extent otherwise allowed by
5 state law, for students enrolled in online courses or programs only if
6 the online courses or programs are:

7 (a) Offered by a multidistrict online provider approved under RCW
8 28A.250.020 by the superintendent of public instruction;

9 (b) Offered by a school district online learning program if the
10 program serves students who reside within the geographic boundaries of
11 the school district, including school district programs in which fewer
12 than ten percent of the program's students reside outside the school
13 district's geographic boundaries; (~~or~~)

14 (c) Offered by a regional online learning program where courses are
15 jointly developed and offered by two or more school districts or an
16 educational service district through an interdistrict cooperative
17 program agreement; or

18 (d) Offered for college credit by a public institution of higher
19 education in Washington or an in-state or out-of-state institution of
20 higher education accredited by an accrediting association recognized by
21 the higher education coordinating board under chapter 28B.85 RCW.

22 (2) Criteria shall be established by the superintendent of public
23 instruction to allow online courses that have not been approved by the
24 superintendent of public instruction to be eligible for state funding
25 if the course is in a subject matter in which no courses have been
26 approved and, if it is a high school course, the course meets
27 Washington high school graduation requirements.

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