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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting preapprenticeship opportunities for
2 high school students; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction, in consultation with the state board for community and
10 technical colleges and the Washington state apprenticeship and
11 training council, shall examine opportunities for promoting
12 preapprenticeship opportunities for high school students.

13 (2) In accordance with this section, by November 1, 2018, the
14 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall solicit
15 input from persons and organizations with an interest or relevant
16 expertise in preapprenticeship programs, apprenticeship programs, or
17 both, and provide a report to the governor and the education
18 committees of the house of representatives and the senate that
19 includes recommendations for:

20 (a) Improving alignment between college level vocational courses
21 at institutions of higher education and high school curriculum and

1 graduation requirements, including high school and beyond plans
2 required by RCW 28A.230.090. Recommendations provided under this
3 subsection may include recommendations for the development or
4 revision of career and technical education course equivalencies
5 established in accordance with RCW 28A.700.080(1)(b) for college
6 level vocational courses successfully completed by a student while in
7 high school and taken at an institution of higher education;

8 (b) Identifying and removing barriers that prevent the wider
9 exploration and use of preapprenticeship opportunities by high school
10 students and apprenticeship opportunities by graduating secondary
11 students; and

12 (c) Increasing awareness among teachers, counselors, students,
13 parents, principals, school administrators, and the public about the
14 opportunities offered by preapprenticeship and apprenticeship
15 programs.

16 (3) As used in this section, "institution of higher education"
17 has the same meaning as defined in RCW 28A.600.300.

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