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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the college in high school program
2 to students in ninth grade; and amending RCW 28A.600.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.290 and 2015 c 202 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
7 this specific purpose and commencing with the 2015-16 school year,
8 funding may be allocated at an amount per college credit for eleventh
9 and twelfth grade students or students who have not yet received a
10 high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible to be in the
11 eleventh or twelfth grade who are enrolled in college in the high
12 school courses under this section as specified in the omnibus
13 appropriations act and adjusted for inflation from the 2015-16 school
14 year. The maximum annual number of allocated credits per
15 participating student shall be specified in the omnibus
16 appropriations act, which must not exceed ten credits. Funding shall
17 be prioritized in the following order:

18 (i) High schools offering a running start in the high school
19 program in school year 2014-15. These schools shall only receive
20 prioritized funding in school year 2015-16;

1 (ii) Students whose residence or the high school in which they
2 are enrolled is located twenty driving miles or more as measured by
3 the most direct route from the nearest eligible institution of higher
4 education offering a running start program, whichever is greater; and

5 (iii) High schools eligible for the small school funding
6 enhancement in the omnibus appropriations act.

7 (b)(i) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
8 this specific purpose and commencing with the 2015-16 school year,
9 and only after the programs in (a) of this subsection are funded, a
10 subsidy may be provided per college credit for eleventh and twelfth
11 grade students or students who have not yet received a high school
12 diploma or its equivalent and are eligible to be in the eleventh or
13 twelfth grade who have been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price
14 lunch and are enrolled in college in the high school courses under
15 this section as specified in the omnibus appropriations act and
16 adjusted for inflation from the 2015-16 school year. The maximum
17 annual number of subsidized credits per participating student shall
18 be specified in the omnibus appropriations act, which must not exceed
19 five credits.

20 (ii) Districts wishing to participate in the subsidy program must
21 apply to the office of the superintendent of public instruction by
22 July 1st of each year and report the preliminary estimate of eligible
23 students to receive the subsidy and the total number of projected
24 credit hours.

25 (iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction
26 shall notify districts by September 1st of each school year if the
27 district's students will receive the subsidy. If more districts apply
28 than funding is available, the office of the superintendent of public
29 instruction shall prioritize the district applications. The
30 superintendent shall develop factors to determine priority including,
31 but not limited to, the number of dual credit opportunities available
32 for low-income students in the districts.

33 (c) Districts shall remit any allocations or subsidies on behalf
34 of participating students under (a) and (b) of this subsection to the
35 participating institution of higher education and those students
36 shall not be required to pay for the credits.

37 (d) The minimum allocation and subsidy under this section is
38 sixty-five dollars per quarter credit for credit-bearing
39 postsecondary coursework. The office of the superintendent of public
40 instruction, the student achievement council, the state board for

1 community and technical colleges, and the public baccalaureate
2 institutions shall review funding levels for the program every four
3 years beginning in 2017 and recommend changes.

4 (e) Students may pay college in the high school fees with
5 advanced college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set
6 by the advanced college tuition payment program governing body under
7 chapter 28B.95 RCW.

8 (2) For the purposes of funding students enrolled in the college
9 in the high school program in accordance with subsection (1) of this
10 section, college in the high school is defined as a dual credit
11 program located on a high school campus or in a high school
12 environment in which a high school student is able to earn both high
13 school and postsecondary credit by completing postsecondary level
14 courses with a passing grade.

15 (3) College in the high school programs may include both academic
16 and career and technical education.

17 (4) College in the high school programs shall each be governed by
18 a local contract between the district and the participating
19 institution of higher education, in compliance with the rules adopted
20 by the superintendent of public instruction under this section.

21 (5) The college in the high school program must include the
22 provisions in this subsection.

23 (a) The high school and participating institution of higher
24 education together shall define the criteria for student eligibility.
25 The institution of higher education may charge tuition fees to
26 participating students. If specific funding is provided in the
27 omnibus appropriations act for the per credit allocations and per
28 credit subsidies under subsection (1) of this section, the maximum
29 per credit fee charged to any enrolled student may not exceed the
30 amount of the per credit allocation or subsidy.

31 (b) The funds received by the participating institution of higher
32 education may not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be
33 retained by the institution of higher education.

34 (c) Enrollment information on persons registered under this
35 section must be maintained by the institution of higher education
36 separately from other enrollment information and may not be included
37 in official enrollment reports, nor may such persons be considered in
38 any enrollment statistics that would affect higher education
39 budgetary determinations.

1 (d) A school district must grant high school credit to a student
2 enrolled in a program course if the student successfully completes
3 the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school
4 district, the school district superintendent shall determine how many
5 credits to award for the course. The determination shall be made in
6 writing before the student enrolls in the course. The credits shall
7 be applied toward graduation requirements and subject area
8 requirements. Evidence of successful completion of each program
9 course shall be included in the student's secondary school records
10 and transcript.

11 (e) A participating institution of higher education must grant
12 college credit to a student enrolled in a program course if the
13 student successfully completes the course. The college credit shall
14 be applied toward general education requirements or degree
15 requirements at institutions of higher education. Evidence of
16 successful completion of each program course must be included in the
17 student's college transcript.

18 (f) (~~Tenth, eleventh, and~~) Ninth through twelfth grade students
19 or students who have not yet received a high school diploma or its
20 equivalent and are eligible to be in (~~the tenth, eleventh, or~~)
21 ninth through twelfth grades may participate in the college in the
22 high school program.

23 (g) Participating school districts must provide general
24 information about the college in the high school program to all
25 students in grades (~~nine~~) eight through twelve and to the parents
26 and guardians of those students.

27 (h) Full-time and part-time faculty at institutions of higher
28 education, including adjunct faculty, are eligible to teach program
29 courses.

30 (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules
31 for the administration of this section. The rules shall be jointly
32 developed by the superintendent of public instruction, the state
33 board for community and technical colleges, the student achievement
34 council, and the public baccalaureate institutions. The association
35 of Washington school principals must be consulted during the rules
36 development. The rules must outline quality and eligibility standards
37 that are informed by nationally recognized standards or models. In
38 addition, the rules must encourage the maximum use of the program and
39 may not narrow or limit the enrollment options.

1 (7) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
2 section.

3 (a) "Institution of higher education" has the definition in RCW
4 28B.10.016, and also includes a public tribal college located in
5 Washington and accredited by the Northwest commission on colleges and
6 universities or another accrediting association recognized by the
7 United States department of education.

8 (b) "Program course" means a college course offered in a high
9 school under the college in the high school program.

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