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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1973**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Pollet, Bergquist, Sells, and Riccelli)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington dual enrollment  
2 scholarship pilot program; adding a new section to chapter 28B.76  
3 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 43.131 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 28B.76  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature recognizes that dual credit programs reduce  
8 both the cost and time of attendance to obtain a postsecondary  
9 degree. The legislature intends to reduce barriers and increase  
10 access to postsecondary educational opportunities for low-income  
11 students by removing the financial barriers for dual enrollment  
12 programs for students.

13 (2) The office, in consultation with the institutions of higher  
14 education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
15 shall create the Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot  
16 program. The office shall administer the Washington dual enrollment  
17 scholarship pilot program and may adopt rules as necessary.

18 (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following  
19 requirements:

20 (a) Qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program;

1 (b) Are enrolled in one or more dual credit programs, as defined  
2 in RCW 28B.15.821, such as college in the high school and running  
3 start; and

4 (c) Have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

5 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
6 specific purpose, beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the  
7 office may award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship  
8 award must be as follows:

9 (a) For eligible students enrolled in running start:

10 (i) Mandatory fees, as defined in RCW 28A.600.310(2), prorated  
11 based on credit load; and

12 (ii) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of higher  
13 education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every credit  
14 per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive a  
15 textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen credits  
16 per quarter, or the equivalent, per year.

17 (b) An eligible student enrolled in a college in the high school  
18 program may receive a scholarship for tuition fees as set forth under  
19 RCW 28A.600.290(5)(a).

20 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must  
21 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW  
22 28A.600.310 and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290 are provided for.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program is  
26 terminated July 1, 2025, as provided in section 3 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131  
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter  
30 amended, are each repealed, effective July 1, 2026:

31 Section 1 of this act.

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