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1 AN ACT Relating to accountability and collaboration in higher
2 education and K-12 education; amending RCW 28A.225.220; adding new
3 sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300
4 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that some students who
7 have recently graduated from high school must immediately enroll in one
8 or more remedial or precollege classes at Washington's public colleges
9 and universities before they can proceed successfully through college.
10 The legislature also finds that these students should have received
11 basic skills in English, reading, spelling, grammar, study skills, and
12 mathematics before graduating from high school. It is further the
13 intent of the legislature that the school districts from which these
14 students received their high school diplomas either provide remedial
15 education for recent high school graduates or pay the cost of providing
16 state-supported remedial classes for those students.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By June 1st of each year, each state
18 university, regional university, state college, and the state board for

1 community and technical colleges shall provide a report to the office
2 of the superintendent of public instruction. The report shall contain
3 the following information: (a) The number of students who, within
4 three years of high school graduation, enrolled at the institution or
5 at a community college or technical college in a state-supported
6 precollege level class or laboratory in study skills, mathematics
7 including intermediate algebra, reading, grammar, spelling, writing, or
8 English; (b) the types of precollege classes in which each student is
9 enrolled; and (c) the Washington high school from which each student
10 graduated.

11 (2) Each institution of higher education as defined in RCW
12 28B.10.016 shall report the information required in subsection (1) of
13 this section to the Washington school district from which each student
14 graduated.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) By June 30th of each even-numbered year,
16 the state board for community and technical colleges shall establish
17 and report to the superintendent of public instruction an average per
18 student instructional cost for state-supported developmental and
19 precollege classes and laboratories offered in the community and
20 technical colleges. The classes shall include, but need not be limited
21 to precollege classes in study skills, mathematics including
22 intermediate algebra, grammar, reading, spelling, writing, and English.
23 English as a second language classes shall not be included.

24 (2) By June 30th of each even-numbered year, each of the state
25 universities, regional universities, and the state college shall report
26 to the office of the superintendent of public instruction with the
27 average per student instructional cost for state-supported precollege
28 classes offered by that institution in study skills, mathematics,
29 including intermediate algebra, English, writing, spelling, grammar,
30 and reading. English as a second language classes shall not be
31 included.

32 (3) "State-supported" means that the precollege class or laboratory
33 is supported in whole or in part by money from the state general fund
34 or student operating fees.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Beginning with the fall 1996 academic term,
36 a charge shall be assessed to each Washington school district that,
37 within the three years preceding the report required in section 2 of

1 this act, graduated a student attending any state-supported precollege
2 class or laboratory in study skills, English, reading, spelling,
3 grammar, or mathematics including intermediate algebra offered at a
4 Washington institution of higher education as defined in RCW
5 28B.10.016. Beginning with the 1998 fiscal year, the superintendent of
6 public instruction shall subtract from the allotment of each such
7 school district an amount equal to the average per-student
8 instructional cost of each state-supported precollege class attended
9 during the preceding fiscal year by each student who graduated from
10 that school district during the preceding three years and who
11 subsequently enrolled in a state-supported precollege class at an
12 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016. As used
13 in this section, "state-supported" means that the class is supported in
14 whole or in part with either state general fund money or with student
15 operating fees. Funding shall first be reduced from nonbasic education
16 funds, unless otherwise requested by the affected school district.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Once an institution of higher education
18 has determined that a student who has graduated within the preceding
19 three years needs to improve his or her competency in material that is
20 determined by the institution of higher education to be precollege
21 material, the institution shall notify the Washington school district
22 that granted to the student a high school diploma.

23 (2) The school district may either provide the needed instruction
24 in a timely manner, or the district may pay the charges assessed in
25 section 4 of this act. If the school district provides the
26 instruction, it shall not charge tuition to the student. If the
27 institution of higher education that the student attends is located
28 more than thirty miles from the school district that granted the
29 student's high school diploma, the student shall be permitted to
30 receive the instruction from either the institution of higher education
31 or from another provider, including a local school district, that is
32 approved by the institution.

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

35 The superintendent of public instruction shall reimburse
36 institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 that,

1 pursuant to section 4 of this act, provide instruction in precollege
2 material.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
6 of each of the colleges and universities shall waive tuition fees for
7 precollege classes taken by any student who has graduated from a high
8 school in the state of Washington within three years immediately
9 preceding the student's enrollment in those precollege classes.

10 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.225.220 and 1993 c 336 s 1008 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Any board of directors may make agreements with adults choosing
13 to attend school(~~(:— PROVIDED, That unless such arrangements are~~
14 ~~approved by the state superintendent of public instruction, a~~
15 ~~reasonable tuition charge, fixed by the state superintendent of public~~
16 ~~instruction, shall be paid by such students as best may be accommodated~~
17 ~~therein)) and, with the exception of students attending under section
18 5 of this act, may assess these adults a reasonable tuition charge.~~

19 (2) A district is strongly encouraged to honor the request of a
20 parent or guardian for his or her child to attend a school in another
21 district.

22 (3) A district shall release a student to a nonresident district
23 that agrees to accept the student if:

24 (a) A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting
25 the student would likely be reasonably improved as a result of the
26 transfer; or

27 (b) Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more
28 accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of child
29 care; or

30 (c) There is a special hardship or detrimental condition.

31 (4) A district may deny the request of a resident student to
32 transfer to a nonresident district if the release of the student would
33 adversely affect the district's existing desegregation plan.

34 (5) For the purpose of helping a district assess the quality of its
35 education program, a resident school district may request an optional
36 exit interview or questionnaire with the parents or guardians of a

1 child transferring to another district. No parent or guardian may be
2 forced to attend such an interview or complete the questionnaire.

3 (6) Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, school districts may
4 not charge transfer fees or tuition for nonresident students enrolled
5 under subsection (3) of this section and RCW 28A.225.225.
6 Reimbursement of a high school district for cost of educating high
7 school pupils of a nonhigh school district shall not be deemed a
8 transfer fee as affecting the apportionment of current state school
9 funds.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each
11 added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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