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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a financial incentive for high school
2 students who complete postsecondary credits; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 28A.600 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.600
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) It is the legislature's intent to encourage high schools and
8 high school students to maximize available learning opportunities that
9 reduce the overall time and taxpayer support for a student to complete
10 a postsecondary degree. It is further the legislature's intent to
11 encourage institutions of higher education to expand programs for
12 students to earn postsecondary credit while in high school.

13 (2) For purposes of this section:

14 (a) "Dual credit student" means a student who: (i) Graduates from
15 a public high school with a high school diploma; and (ii) at the time
16 of graduation, has accumulated postsecondary course credits through
17 participation in running start, advanced placement, tech-prep, skills
18 centers, college in the high school, international baccalaureate, or

1 any other program that provides high school students with the
2 opportunity to earn college credits.

3 (b) "Institutions of higher education" has the same meaning as
4 defined in RCW 28B.10.016(4).

5 (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, each dual credit student
6 who has accumulated two academic years of postsecondary course credits
7 shall generate an incentive payment equal to the statewide annual
8 average allocation for a full-time equivalent high school student under
9 RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small high school enhancements. For dual
10 credit students who have accumulated fewer than two academic years of
11 course credits, the incentive payment shall equal a pro rata share of
12 the full allocation.

13 (4)(a) The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate the
14 incentive payment as follows:

15 (i) One-half of the incentive payment goes to the school district
16 from which the dual credit student earned a high school diploma; and

17 (ii) One-half of the incentive payment goes to the institution or
18 institutions of higher education from which the dual credit student
19 earned postsecondary course credits. If a student earns postsecondary
20 course credit from more than one institution of higher education, the
21 superintendent shall allocate to each a pro rata share of the higher
22 education portion of the incentive payment based on the number of
23 credits earned. If a student earns postsecondary course credits from
24 an entity other than an institution of higher education as defined in
25 this section, the superintendent shall allocate that entity's portion
26 of the incentive payment to the school district.

27 (b) The superintendent shall allocate the incentive payment in the
28 school year following the dual credit student's graduation from high
29 school based on the prior school year's statewide annual average
30 allocation amount.

31 (5) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules under
32 chapter 34.05 RCW to implement this section, in consultation with the
33 state board for community and technical colleges and the higher
34 education coordinating board.

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