

SHB 1708 - S AMD TO EKHE COMM AMD (S2835.1) **626**
By Senators McAuliffe, Schmidt

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1 On page 3, after line 33 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature finds that the dropout rate
3 of the state's Native American students is the highest in the state.
4 Approximately one-half of all Native American high school students drop
5 out before graduating with a diploma. The legislature also finds that
6 culturally relevant educational opportunities are important
7 contributors to other efforts to increase the rates of high school
8 graduation for Native American students. The legislature further finds
9 that the higher education participation rate for Native American
10 students is the lowest in the state, and that more can be done to
11 encourage Native American students to pursue higher educational
12 opportunities. The legislature intends to authorize accredited public
13 tribal colleges to participate in the running start program for the
14 purposes of reducing the dropout rate of Native American students and
15 encouraging greater participation rates in higher education.

16 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.600.300 and 2002 c 80 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 For the purposes of RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.400,
19 "participating institution of higher education" or "institution of
20 higher education" means:

21 (1) A community or technical college as defined in RCW 28B.50.030;
22 (~~and~~)

23 (2) A public tribal college located in Washington and accredited by
24 the northwest commission on colleges and universities or another
25 accrediting association recognized by the United States department of
26 education; and

27 (3) Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University,
28 Washington State University, and The Evergreen State College, if the

1 institution's governing board decides to participate in the program in
2 RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.400."

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3 On page 4, line 2 of the title amendment, after "28A.175.010"
4 insert "and 28A.600.300"

5 On page 4, line 3 of the title amendment, after "creating" strike
6 "a new section" and insert "new sections"

EFFECT: Makes legislative findings regarding ways to decrease the dropout rate and increase the high school graduation and college participation rates for Native American students. Permits accredited public tribal colleges in Washington to participate in offering Running Start courses.

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