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By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. (1)(a) According to the
4 Washington interscholastic activities association, interscholastic
5 athletics and activities are a vital part of enriching students'
6 educational experiences and developing students into responsible
7 adults. The legislature finds that research compiled by the
8 association demonstrates that students who participate in
9 extracurricular activities have:

10 (i) Better grades and higher standardized test scores;

11 (ii) Increased school attendance; and

12 (iii) Improved health and wellness.

13 (b) In addition, the legislature finds that this research shows
14 that participation in extracurricular activities develops lifelong
15 skills and relationship building; has long-term economic benefits;
16 increases the odds of attending and graduating from college;
17 decreases the likelihood of juvenile crimes, drug, alcohol, and
18 cigarette use, and sexual activities; and positively enhances a
19 student's educational experience.

20 (2) Thus, the legislature intends to reduce barriers to
21 participation in extracurricular activities by:

22 (a) Requiring that the process for charging and collecting fees
23 be identical for all students; and

24 (b) Reducing the frequency of required physical examinations.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 FEE COLLECTION. (1) The process for charging and collecting fees
28 from public high school students eligible to participate in the
29 federal free and reduced-price meals program must be identical to the
30 process for charging and collecting fees from other students.

1 (2) Schools offering discounts to students eligible for free and
2 reduced-price meals must, to the extent practicable, make efforts to
3 automatically charge the discounted rate or make every effort to
4 streamline the process and increase participation in the activities
5 for which the fees are collected.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FREQUENCY. Students may not be required to
9 complete a physical examination to participate in extracurricular
10 activities more often than every twenty-four months, unless
11 recommended by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical
12 examination."

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13 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "activities;" strike the
14 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
15 28A.600 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Replaces provisions relating to fee collection with
language that requires public high schools to:

(1) Have identical processes for charging and collecting fees for
all students;

(2) Make efforts to automatically charge discounted fee rates for
eligible students; and

(3) Make every effort to streamline fee collection processes and
increase participation.

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