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1 On page 2, after line 22, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 28A.600.310 and 2015 c 202 s 4 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1)(a) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have  
5 not yet received the credits required for the award of a high school  
6 diploma and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may  
7 apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll  
8 in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.

9 (b) The course sections and programs offered as running start  
10 courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students  
11 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be  
12 a course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high  
13 school campus.

14 (c) A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a  
15 public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses  
16 or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be  
17 counted by the school district in any required state or federal  
18 accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed  
19 a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the  
20 student received home-based instruction during the school year  
21 before the school year in which the student intends to participate  
22 in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher  
23 education. Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter  
24 28A.200 RCW and students attending private schools approved under  
25 chapter 28A.195 RCW shall not be required to meet the student  
26 learning goals, obtain a certificate of academic achievement or a  
27 certificate of individual achievement to graduate from high school,

1 or to master the essential academic learning requirements. However,  
2 students are eligible to enroll in courses or programs in  
3 participating universities only if the board of directors of the  
4 student's school district has decided to participate in the program.  
5 Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with  
6 school districts, may establish admission standards for these  
7 students. If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary  
8 school pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution of  
9 higher education shall send written notice to the pupil and the  
10 pupil's school district within ten days of acceptance. The notice  
11 shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

12 (2)(a) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020  
13 and 28B.15.041:

14 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or  
15 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each  
16 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for  
17 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to ten  
18 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 28B.  
19 15.041; and

20 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a  
21 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up  
22 to ten percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
23 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

24 (b) The fees charged under this subsection (2) shall be prorated  
25 based on credit load.

26 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection with advanced  
27 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the  
28 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under  
29 chapter 28B.95 RCW.

30 (3)(a) The institutions of higher education must make available  
31 fee waivers for low-income running start students. (~~Each~~  
32 ~~institution must establish a written policy for the determination of~~  
33 ~~low-income students before offering the fee waiver.~~) A student  
34 shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver upon

1 (~~(proof)~~) receipt of documentation that the student is currently  
2 qualified to receive free or reduced-price lunch. Acceptable  
3 documentation of low-income status may also include, but is not  
4 limited to, documentation that a student has been deemed eligible  
5 for free or reduced-price lunches in the last five years, or other  
6 criteria established in the institution's policy.

7 (b)(i) By the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, school  
8 districts must provide documentation of a student's eligibility for  
9 free or reduced-price lunch directly to the institution of higher  
10 education that the student is enrolled in for the purpose of the  
11 low-income fee waiver, if the school district has knowledge of the  
12 student's enrollment in running start. The institution of higher  
13 education shall use the documentation to provide a fee waiver to the  
14 low-income running start student.

15 (ii) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for  
16 this specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public  
17 instruction, in consultation with the Washington student achievement  
18 council, shall establish a centralized process for notifying the  
19 institutions of higher education about running start students'  
20 eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch for the purpose of  
21 providing low-income fee waivers.

22 ~~((b))~~ (c) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration  
23 with relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who  
24 can benefit from fee waivers take advantage of these waivers.  
25 Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and  
26 their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to  
27 students and their families (~~(on how to apply)~~). Information about  
28 waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into  
29 financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual  
30 billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent  
31 possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited  
32 to web sites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms,  
33 mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure  
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1 that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches  
2 the maximum number of students and families that can benefit.

3 (4) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the  
4 institution of higher education an amount per each full-time  
5 equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for vocational  
6 and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public instruction  
7 shall separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for  
8 basic education under RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for  
9 purposes of making such payments and for granting school districts  
10 seven percent thereof to offset program related costs. The  
11 calculations and allocations shall be based upon the estimated  
12 statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high school  
13 student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small high  
14 school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter  
15 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating  
16 institutions of higher education, and the state board for community  
17 and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and  
18 distribution of the funds. The funds received by the institution of  
19 higher education from the school district shall not be deemed  
20 tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of  
21 higher education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall be  
22 counted for the purpose of meeting enrollment targets in accordance  
23 with terms and conditions specified in the omnibus appropriations  
24 act."

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26 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
27 internal references accordingly.

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29 Correct the title.

EFFECT:

- Establishes a process by the 2020-21 school year for school districts to provide documentation to institutions of higher education regarding a low-income student's eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch for the purpose of identifying a student

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who qualifies for the low-income fee waiver for the Running Start program.

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Washington Student Achievement Council, to establish a centralized process for notifying the institutions of higher education about low-income Running Start students for the purpose of the fee waiver.

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