

2SSB 5048 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Beginning on September 1, 2023, institutions of higher
6 education must provide enrollment and registration in college in the
7 high school courses in which a student is eligible to receive college
8 credit available at no cost for students in the ninth, 10th, 11th, or
9 12th grade at public high schools.

10 (2) Beginning with the 2023-2025 omnibus operating appropriation
11 act, the legislature must pass an omnibus operating appropriations
12 act that appropriates to the state board of community and technical
13 colleges and each of the public four-year institutions of higher
14 education state funding for college in high school courses
15 administered at public secondary schools.

16 (3) State appropriations for the college in the high school
17 program to the institutions of higher education shall be calculated
18 as follows: The total college in the high school courses administered
19 in the prior academic year, funded at a rate of:

20 (a) \$6,000 per college in the high school course administered by
21 a state university as defined in RCW 28B.10.016;

22 (b) \$5,500 per college in the high school course administered by
23 a regional university or the state college; or

24 (c) \$3,500 per college in the high school course administered by
25 a community or technical college.

26 (4) Beginning with fiscal year 2025 the rate per college in the
27 high school course administered must be adjusted annually for
28 inflation as measured by the consumer price index.

29 (5) State appropriations must be based on the total number of
30 college in the high school courses administered by an institution of
31 higher education for the academic year immediately prior to the
32 current fiscal year. The state appropriation is based on course

1 administration data submitted annually by October 15th to the office
2 of financial management and legislative fiscal staff.

3 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
4 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (a) "Community or technical college" has the same meaning as
6 provided for under RCW 28B.50.030.

7 (b) "Course" means a class taught under a contract between an
8 institution of higher education and a single high school teacher on
9 an articulated subject in which the student is eligible to receive
10 college credit.

11 (c) "High school" means a public school, as defined in RCW
12 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through 12.

13 (d) "Institutions of higher education" has the same meaning as
14 provided for under RCW 28B.10.016.

15 (e) "College in the high school" is the program created under RCW
16 28A.600.287.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.287 and 2021 c 71 s 1 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) College in the high school is a dual credit program located
20 on a high school campus or in a high school environment in which a
21 high school student is able to earn both high school and college
22 credit by completing college level courses with a passing grade. A
23 college in the high school program must meet the accreditation
24 requirements in RCW 28B.10.035 and the requirements in this section.

25 (2) A college in the high school program may include both
26 academic and career and technical education.

27 (3) Ninth, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, and students who
28 have not yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are
29 eligible to be in the ninth, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades, may
30 participate in a college in the high school program.

31 (4) A college in the high school program must be governed by a
32 local contract between an institution of higher education and a
33 school district, charter school, or state-tribal compact school, in
34 compliance with the rules adopted by the superintendent of public
35 instruction under this section. The local contract must include the
36 qualifications for students to enroll in a program course.

37 ~~(5) ((a) An institution of higher education may charge tuition~~
38 ~~fees per credit to each student enrolled in a program course as~~
39 ~~established in this subsection (5)).~~

1 ~~(b) (i) The maximum per college credit tuition fee for a program~~
2 ~~course is \$65 per college credit adjusted for inflation using the~~
3 ~~implicit price deflator for that fiscal year, using fiscal year 2021~~
4 ~~as the base, as compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United~~
5 ~~States department of labor for the state of Washington.~~

6 ~~(ii) Annually by July 1st, the office of the superintendent of~~
7 ~~public instruction must calculate the maximum per college credit~~
8 ~~tuition fee and post the fee on its website.~~

9 ~~(c) The funds received by an institution of higher education~~
10 ~~under this subsection (5) are not tuition or operating fees and may~~
11 ~~be retained by the institution of higher education.~~

12 ~~(6))~~ Enrollment information on persons registered under this
13 section must be maintained by the institution of higher education
14 separately from other enrollment information and may not be included
15 in official enrollment reports, nor may such persons be considered in
16 any enrollment statistics that would affect higher education
17 budgetary determinations.

18 ~~((7))~~ (6) Each school district, charter school, and state-
19 tribal compact school must award high school credit to a student
20 enrolled in a program course if the student successfully completes
21 the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school
22 district, charter school, or state-tribal compact school, the chief
23 administrator shall determine how many credits to award for the
24 successful completion of the program course. The determination must
25 be made in writing before the student enrolls in the program course.
26 The awarded credit must be applied toward graduation requirements and
27 subject area requirements. Evidence of successful completion of each
28 program course must be included in the student's high school records
29 and transcript.

30 ~~((8) An))~~ (7) Each institution of higher education ~~((must~~
31 ~~award))~~ offering college in the high school must:

32 (a) Award college credit to a student enrolled in a program
33 course ((if the student successfully completes the course. The
34 awarded college credit must be applied toward general education
35 requirements or degree requirements at the institution of higher
36 education. Evidence of successful completion of each program course
37 must be included in the student's college transcript)) and provide
38 evidence of completion of each program course on the student's
39 college transcript;

1 (b) Grant undergraduate college credit as appropriate and
2 applicable to the student's degree requirements; and

3 (c) Provide course equivalencies for college in the high school
4 courses and policy for awarding credit on the institution's website.

5 ~~((9))~~ (8)(a) A high school that offers a college in the high
6 school program must provide general information about the program to
7 all students in grades eight through 12 and to the parents and
8 guardians of those students.

9 (b) A high school that offers a college in the high school
10 program must include the following information about program courses
11 in a notification to parents and guardians of students in grades
12 eight through 12, including by email and in beginning of the year
13 packets, and in the high school catalogue or equivalent:

14 (i) There is no fee for students to enroll in a program course
15 ~~((to earn only high school credit. Fees apply for students who choose~~
16 ~~to enroll in a program course to earn both high school and college~~
17 ~~credit;~~

18 ~~(ii) A description and breakdown of the fees charged to students~~
19 ~~to earn college credit;~~

20 ~~(iii) A description of fee payment and financial assistance~~
21 ~~options available to students; and~~

22 ~~(iv))~~ for high school credit or for students to enroll in a
23 program course for both high school and college credit; and

24 (ii) A notification that ~~((paying for))~~ enrolling in a program
25 course for college credit automatically starts an official college
26 transcript with the institution of higher education offering the
27 program course regardless of student performance in the program
28 course, and that college credit earned upon successful completion of
29 a program course may count only as elective credit if transferred to
30 another institution of higher education.

31 ~~((10))~~ (9) Full-time and part-time faculty at institutions of
32 higher education, including adjunct faculty, are eligible to teach
33 program courses.

34 ~~((11) Students enrolled in a program course may pay college in~~
35 ~~the high school fees with advanced college tuition payment program~~
36 ~~tuition units at a rate set by the advanced college tuition payment~~
37 ~~program governing body under chapter 28B.95 RCW.~~

38 ~~(12))~~ (10) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt
39 rules for the administration of this section. The rules must be
40 jointly developed by the superintendent of public instruction, the

1 state board for community and technical colleges, the student
2 achievement council, and the public baccalaureate institutions. The
3 association of Washington school principals must be consulted during
4 the rules development. The rules must outline quality and eligibility
5 standards that are informed by nationally recognized standards or
6 models. In addition, the rules must encourage the maximum use of the
7 program and may not narrow or limit the enrollment options.

8 (13) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
9 section(~~(-)~~), unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (a) "Charter school" means a school established under chapter
11 28A.710 RCW.

12 (b) "High school" means a public school, as defined in RCW
13 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through 12.

14 (c) "Institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in
15 RCW 28B.10.016, and also means a public tribal college located in
16 Washington and accredited by the northwest commission on colleges and
17 universities or another accrediting association recognized by the
18 United States department of education.

19 (d) "Program course" means a college course offered in a high
20 school under a college in the high school program.

21 (e) "State-tribal compact school" means a school established
22 under chapter 28A.715 RCW.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.76.730 and 2021 c 71 s 6 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) The legislature recognizes that dual credit programs reduce
26 both the cost and time of attendance to obtain a postsecondary
27 degree. The legislature intends to reduce barriers and increase
28 access to postsecondary educational opportunities for low-income
29 students by removing the financial barriers for dual enrollment
30 programs for students.

31 (2) The office, in consultation with the institutions of higher
32 education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
33 shall create the Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot
34 program. The office shall administer the Washington dual enrollment
35 scholarship pilot program and may adopt rules as necessary.

36 (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following
37 requirements:

38 (a) Qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program;

1 (b) Are enrolled in one or more dual credit programs, as defined
2 in RCW 28B.15.821, such as (~~college in the high school and~~) running
3 start; and

4 (c) Have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

5 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the
7 office may award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship
8 award must be as follows(~~(÷~~

9 ~~(a) For~~) for eligible students enrolled in running start:

10 ~~((i))~~ (a) Mandatory fees, as defined in RCW 28A.600.310(2),
11 prorated based on credit load;

12 ~~((ii))~~ (b) Course fees or laboratory fees as determined
13 appropriate by college or university policies to pay for specified
14 course related costs;

15 ~~((iii))~~ (c) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of
16 higher education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every
17 credit per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive
18 a textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen
19 credits per quarter, or the equivalent, per year; and

20 ~~((iv))~~ (d) Apprenticeship materials as determined appropriate
21 by the college or university to pay for specific course-related
22 material costs, which may include occupation-specific tools, work
23 clothes, rain gear, or boots.

24 ~~((b) An eligible student enrolled in a college in the high
25 school program may receive a scholarship for tuition fees as set
26 forth under RCW 28A.600.287.)~~)

27 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must
28 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW
29 28A.600.310 (~~and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290~~) are provided for.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. RCW 28A.600.290 (College in the high
31 school program—Funding) and 2021 c 71 s 2, 2015 c 202 s 3, 2012 c 229
32 s 801, & 2009 c 450 s 3 are each repealed."

33 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Adds a citation to the College in the High School
statute for clarification in section 1.

(2) Requires high schools offering College in the High School
(CHS) courses to notify parents and guardians of students in grades
eight through 12 by email and in beginning of the year packets that
(a) there is no fee for students to enroll in CHS courses and (b)

enrolling in a CHS course for college credit automatically starts an official college transcript with the institution of higher education offering the CHS course regardless of student performance in the course, and that college credit earned upon successful completion of a program course may count only as elective credit if transferred to another institution of higher education.

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