

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Providing summer running start for rising juniors.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hawkins, Randall, Holy, Kuderer, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña and Wilson, L.).

Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Committee on Education

Background: Running Start. Running Start allows 11th- and 12th-grade high school students to take courses at community colleges, technical colleges, and various four-year institutions of higher education. Upon completion of a course, students earn both high school and college credit.

Running Start students and their families do not pay tuition, but students must pay college fees, purchase textbooks and other materials, and provide their own transportation to and from the institution. Since 2011, higher education institutions that are not community or technical colleges may charge up to 10 percent of tuition costs to students.

Institutions are reimbursed by local schools districts for costs of Running Start students. Current law requires districts to reimburse the institutions at a per student rate allotted for basic education funding, with the districts retaining 7 percent of these funds. Vocational students are funded at an additional rate.

A pupil who enrolls in Running Start courses in grade 11 may not enroll for high school credit and postsecondary credit for more than the equivalent of the coursework for two academic years. A pupil who enrolls in Running Start courses in grade 12 may not enroll for high school credit and postsecondary credit for more than the equivalent of the coursework for one academic year.

School districts must provide general information about the Running Start program to all

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pupils in grades 10, 11, and 12 and the parents and guardians of those pupils, including information about the opportunity to enroll in the program through online courses.

Summary: Rising 11th grade students may enroll in Running Start for up to ten quarter credits, or the semester equivalent, during the summer academic term. Rising 11th grade students are defined as students who have completed their tenth grade year and not yet begun their 11th grade year.

In addition to current requirements on providing information on Running Start, school districts must provide information about Running Start enrollment opportunities during the summer academic term.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	92	1

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