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1 AN ACT Relating to accountability and collaboration in higher
2 education and K-12 education; and adding new sections to chapter 28B.10
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that some students
6 who have recently graduated from high school must enroll in remedial
7 classes at the public colleges and universities before they are ready
8 to begin college work. The legislature also finds that these students
9 should have received basic skills in English, reading, spelling,
10 grammar, and mathematics before graduating from high school. It is the
11 intent of the legislature that students enrolled in remedial classes
12 continue to pay tuition for those classes. It is further the intent of
13 the legislature that the school districts from which these students
14 received their high school diplomas pay some of the cost of providing

1 remedial classes for recent high school graduates. It is also the
2 intent of the legislature that money raised through these charges to
3 school districts be used to pay needy college students to tutor in the
4 public schools of the state.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By May 1st of each year, each
6 institution of higher education shall provide a report to the office of
7 the superintendent of public instruction. The report shall contain the
8 following information: (1) The numbers of students who graduated from
9 a Washington high school within three years of enrolling in a state-
10 supported precollege level class in mathematics, reading, grammar,
11 spelling, writing, or English; (2) the types of precollege classes in
12 which each student is enrolled; and (3) the Washington high school from
13 which each student graduated. Each institution of higher education
14 shall also report information on precollege class enrollment to the
15 Washington school district from which each student enrolled in a
16 precollege class graduated.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By June 30th of each odd-numbered year,
18 the state board for community and technical colleges shall establish
19 and report to the superintendent of public instruction an average per
20 student instructional cost for state-supported developmental and
21 precollege classes offered in the community and technical colleges.
22 The classes shall include, but need not be limited to precollege
23 classes in a mathematical science, grammar, reading, spelling, writing,
24 and English. Classes in study skills shall not be included.

25 By June 30th of each odd-numbered year, each of the four-year
26 universities and colleges shall report to the office of the
27 superintendent of public instruction with the average per student
28 instructional cost for state-supported precollege classes offered by

1 that institution in a mathematical science, English, writing, spelling,
2 grammar, and reading.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A charge shall be assessed to each
4 Washington school district that, within the three years preceding the
5 report required in section 2 of this act, graduated a student attending
6 any state-supported precollege class in English, reading, spelling,
7 grammar, or a mathematical science. At the beginning of the fiscal
8 year following the report described in section 2 of this act, the
9 superintendent of public instruction shall subtract from the allotment
10 of each such school district, an amount equal to the average per
11 student instructional cost of each precollege class attended during the
12 preceding fiscal year by a student who graduated from that school
13 district during the preceding three years. Funding shall first be
14 reduced from nonbasic education funds, unless otherwise requested by
15 the affected school district.

16 The superintendent of public instruction shall deposit the funds
17 collected under this section in the tutor account created in section 6
18 of this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The higher education coordinating board,
20 in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction and other
21 appropriate organizations, shall use the funds in the tutor account to
22 train tutors and to pay college and university students participating
23 in the state work-study program to tutor in the public schools of the
24 state. The funds may be used to pay all or a portion of the salaries
25 of students in the state work-study program.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The tutor account is created in the
27 custody of the state treasurer. Funds collected under section 4 of

1 this act shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the
2 account may be used only to pay college and university students in the
3 state work-study program to tutor in state public schools. Only the
4 chair of the higher education coordinating board or the chair's
5 designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is
6 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
7 appropriation is required for expenditures.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are
9 each added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.