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1            AN ACT Relating to the running start program; amending RCW  
2 28A.600.310; and providing an effective date.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 1994 c 205 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have not  
7 yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible  
8 to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may apply to a participating  
9 institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs, other  
10 than precollege courses, offered by the institution of higher  
11 education. However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or  
12 programs in participating universities only if the board of directors  
13 of the student's school district has decided to participate in the  
14 program. Students enrolling in the program must have a high school  
15 grade point average of 2.50 or better and must maintain a grade point  
16 average of 2.50 or better while participating in the program.  
17 Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with  
18 school districts, may establish admission standards for these students.  
19 If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school pupil

1 for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education  
2 shall send written notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district  
3 within ten days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course  
4 and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

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

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect August 1, 2003.

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