
HOUSE BILL 2530

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By Representative Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district accountability for the academic
2 preparation of recent high school graduates; and adding a new chapter
3 to Title 28A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Baccalaureate institutions" means the state universities,
8 regional universities, and state college under RCW 28B.10.016.

9 (2) "Institution of higher education" means each of the
10 baccalaureate institutions, community colleges, and technical colleges.

11 (3) "Precollege class or laboratory" means high school level
12 classes or instruction intended to prepare postsecondary students for
13 college level work. The classes or laboratories may offer high school
14 level instruction in mathematics, grammar, reading, spelling, writing,
15 and English. For the purposes of this chapter and RCW 28B.10.685,
16 classes in English as a second language are not considered precollege
17 classes.

18 (4) "Recent high school graduate" means a person who graduated from

1 a public high school in Washington sometime during the three years
2 immediately before the student enrolled in a state-supported precollege
3 class or laboratory at an institution of higher education.

4 (5) "State-supported" means an activity supported in whole or in
5 part by money from the state general fund or student operating fees.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Beginning with the fall 2005 academic
7 term, each institution of higher education shall assess a charge to
8 each Washington school district that granted a diploma to a recent high
9 school graduate enrolled in a state-supported precollege class or
10 laboratory offered at the institution of higher education. The
11 superintendent of public instruction, the governing board of each of
12 the baccalaureate institutions, and the state board for community and
13 technical colleges shall adopt rules to implement this requirement.
14 The rules shall include parameters for billing and reporting
15 requirements.

16 (2) No later than twenty days after receipt of the information
17 contained in subsection (1) of this section, each school district shall
18 transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per student
19 credit hour that equals the amount per credit hour established for
20 students in the program under RCW 28A.600.310, plus seven percent,
21 minus tuition and fees. The amount deducted for tuition and fees shall
22 be determined by the rules adopted under subsection (1) of this
23 section. The amount may be based on the per credit hour tuition and
24 fees amount charged for the courses, or the amount charged to resident
25 undergraduate students for the same number of credits. The amount
26 deducted for tuition and fees shall be uniform for the community
27 colleges and for the technical colleges. The amount may vary for the
28 baccalaureate institutions, or the rules may permit a tuition and fee
29 deduction for all baccalaureate institutions. Each school district
30 shall use money from local funds to pay the charges. If a school
31 district does not have money available from local funds, the district
32 shall pay the charges from other nonbasic education funding sources.

33 (3) Beginning with the fall 2005 academic term, institutions of
34 higher education shall not include in their enrollment reports for
35 receipt of state funding, recent high school graduates enrolled in
36 precollege courses or laboratories.

1 (4) After consultation with the superintendent of public
2 instruction, each baccalaureate institution, and, for the community
3 colleges and technical colleges, the state board for community and
4 technical colleges, shall adopt rules to implement this section by June
5 30, 2005.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
7 new chapter in Title 28A RCW.

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