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SENATE BILL 6561

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By Senators Carlson, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles

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1            AN ACT Relating to strengthening linkages between K-12 and higher  
2 education systems; creating a new section; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The state board for community and  
6 technical colleges, the higher education coordinating board, the  
7 council of presidents, and the superintendent of public instruction  
8 shall:

9            (a) Take actions to strengthen, expand, and create dual enrollment  
10 programs available to students on high school campuses by removing  
11 barriers that inhibit the availability of such programs and, where  
12 possible, by creating incentives for the offering of such courses and  
13 programs; and

14            (b) Continue to examine the feasibility of using the Washington  
15 assessment of student learning as a factor in higher education  
16 admission and placement processes.

17            (2) "Dual enrollment programs" are defined as those courses  
18 allowing high school students the ability to earn postsecondary course  
19 credits and high school credits toward graduation concurrently. Such

1 programs include, but are not limited to, running start, tech-prep,  
2 college in the high school, advanced placement, and international  
3 baccalaureate.

4 (3) By December 15, 2004, the organizations identified in  
5 subsection (1) of this section shall report to the higher education and  
6 education committees of the legislature on actions that were taken to  
7 reduce or eliminate barriers and what incentives were created. In  
8 addition, the report shall include actions the legislature should take  
9 to encourage the availability of dual enrollment and programs on high  
10 school campuses.

11 (4) This section expires December 31, 2004.

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