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SENATE BILL 5076

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By Senators McAuliffe, Schmidt, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen;  
by request of Governor Locke

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K-12 & Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to college in the high school; amending RCW  
2 28A.150.275, 28A.225.290, and 28A.600.160; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 28A.600 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Many high school students who wish to earn college credits are  
7 unable to participate in the running start program because they live in  
8 areas that do not have local colleges; and some students who would like  
9 to earn college credits while in high school do not participate in  
10 running start because they do not want to leave their high school  
11 campus in order to do so.

12 (2) Some high schools are currently working with colleges to offer  
13 dual credit courses on high school campuses to serve those students.  
14 However, there is no established statewide program or funding provided,  
15 so rules governing these programs vary and high school students pay  
16 varying amounts to cover the colleges' costs of working with high  
17 schools to offer the classes.

18 It is the intent of the legislature to establish the college in the

1 high school program as a statewide option for high school students.  
2 high schools and colleges that wish to work together to offer this  
3 option are encouraged to do so.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction, the state board for  
7 community and technical colleges, and the higher education coordinating  
8 board shall jointly develop and adopt rules governing the college in  
9 the high school program. The rules shall be written to encourage the  
10 maximum use of the program and shall not narrow or limit the enrollment  
11 options.

12 (2) The college in the high school program shall provide that:

13 (a) Institutions of higher education participating in the program  
14 are authorized to charge two hundred eighty dollars per pupil per five-  
15 credit program course. For each program course, the superintendent of  
16 public instruction shall distribute to school districts an amount of  
17 one hundred forty dollars per pupil per course, except the allocation  
18 shall be two hundred eighty dollars per pupil per course for pupils who  
19 are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. School districts shall  
20 transfer the program course amount to the appropriate in-state  
21 institution of higher education to offset pupils' participation fees.

22 (b) A school district shall grant high school credit to a pupil  
23 enrolled in a program course if the pupil successfully completes the  
24 course. If no comparable course is offered by the school district, the  
25 school district superintendent shall determine how many credits to  
26 award for the course. The determination shall be made in writing  
27 before the pupil enrolls in the course. The credits shall be applied  
28 toward graduation requirements and subject area requirements. Evidence  
29 of the successful completion of each program course shall be included  
30 in the pupil's secondary school records and transcript.

31 (c) Eleventh and twelfth grade pupils or pupils who have not yet  
32 received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible to be  
33 in the eleventh or twelfth grades may participate in the college in the  
34 high school program. Participating school districts and institutions  
35 of higher education may establish standards for admission to program  
36 courses.

1 (d) Participating school districts shall provide general  
2 information about the college in the high school program to all pupils  
3 in grades ten, eleven, and twelve and the parents and guardians of  
4 those pupils.

5 (3) For the purposes of this section:

6 (a) "Institution of higher education" means the state universities,  
7 the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, the community  
8 colleges, and the technical colleges.

9 (b) "Program course" means a college course offered in a high  
10 school under the college in the high school program.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 The superintendent of public instruction shall develop counseling  
14 guidelines that ensure that pupils and parents understand that college  
15 credits earned in high school dual credit programs count toward the  
16 total number of credits allowed for financial aid.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.150.275 and 1995 c 77 s 4 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 The basic education allocation, including applicable vocational  
20 entitlements and special education program money, generated under this  
21 chapter and under state appropriation acts by school districts for  
22 students enrolled in a technical college program established by an  
23 interlocal agreement under RCW 28B.50.533 shall be allocated in amounts  
24 as determined by the superintendent of public instruction to the  
25 serving college rather than to the school district, unless the college  
26 chooses to continue to receive the allocations through the school  
27 districts. This section does not apply to students enrolled in the  
28 running start program established in RCW 28A.600.310 or the college in  
29 the high school program established in section 2 of this act.

30 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.225.290 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 s 207 are each  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and  
33 annually distribute an information booklet outlining parents' and  
34 guardians' enrollment options for their children.

1 (2) Before the 1991-92 school year, the booklet shall be  
2 distributed to all school districts by the office of the superintendent  
3 of public instruction. School districts shall have a copy of the  
4 information booklet available for public inspection at each school in  
5 the district, at the district office, and in public libraries.

6 (3) The booklet shall include:

7 (a) Information about enrollment options and program opportunities,  
8 including but not limited to programs in RCW 28A.225.220, 28A.185.040,  
9 28A.225.200 through 28A.225.215, 28A.225.230 through 28A.225.250,  
10 (~~28A.175.090~~), 28A.340.010 through 28A.340.070 (small high school  
11 cooperative projects), and 28A.335.160.

12 (b) Information about the running start - community college or  
13 vocational-technical institute choice program under RCW 28A.600.300  
14 through (~~28A.600.395~~) 28A.600.400 and about the college in the high  
15 school program under section 2 of this act; and

16 (c) Information about the seventh and eighth grade choice program  
17 under RCW 28A.230.090.

18 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.600.160 and 1998 c 225 s 2 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 Any middle school, junior high school, or high school using  
21 educational pathways shall ensure that all participating students will  
22 continue to have access to the courses and instruction necessary to  
23 meet admission requirements at baccalaureate institutions. Students  
24 shall be allowed to enter the educational pathway of their choice.  
25 Before accepting a student into an educational pathway, the school  
26 shall inform the student's parent of the pathway chosen, the  
27 opportunities available to the student through the pathway, and the  
28 career objectives the student will have exposure to while pursuing the  
29 pathway. Parents and students dissatisfied with the opportunities  
30 available through the selected educational pathway shall be provided  
31 with the opportunity to transfer the student to any other pathway  
32 provided in the school. Schools may not develop educational pathways  
33 that retain students in high school beyond the date they are eligible  
34 to graduate, and may not require students who transfer between pathways  
35 to complete pathway requirements beyond the date the student is  
36 eligible to graduate. Educational pathways may include, but are not  
37 limited to, programs such as work-based learning, school-to-work

1 transition, tech prep, vocational-technical education, running start,  
2 college in the high school, and preparation for technical college,  
3 community college, or university education.

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