## SENATE BILL 5360

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**By** Senators Brandland, Sheldon, Fairley, Berkey, Delvin, Benson and Rockefeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for the running start program; and 2 amending RCW 28A.600.310.

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:

(1) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have not 6 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 institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs 9 offered by the institution of higher education. However, students are 10 11 eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating universities 12 only if the board of directors of the student's school district has decided to participate in the program. 13 Students enrolling in the program must have earned a certificate of academic achievement before 14 participating in the program, as required in RCW 28A.655.061. 15 Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with 16 school districts, may establish admission standards for these students. 17 18 If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school pupil 19 for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education 1 shall send written notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district 2 within ten days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course 3 and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

(2) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the institution 4 of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college 5 student at statewide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational б students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately 7 calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under 8 RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of making such 9 10 payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall 11 12 be based upon the estimated statewide annual average per full-time 13 equivalent high school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, 14 excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, the 15 higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community 16 technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and 17 and distribution of the funds. The institution of higher education shall 18 not require the pupil to pay any other fees. The funds received by the 19 institution of higher education from the school district shall not be 20 21 deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the institution 22 of higher education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall not be counted for the purpose of determining any enrollment 23 24 restrictions imposed by the state on the institution of higher 25 education.

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