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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 pupils an amount no more than seven percent of
15 the statewide annual average full-time equivalent high school per pupil
16 allocation under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small school enhancements,
17 and applicable rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. Institutions of
18 higher education may not charge pupils more than three and one-half
19 percent of the statewide annual average full-time equivalent high
20 school per pupil allocation per pupil per course for the pupils whose
21 family incomes would qualify the student for a state need grant, as
22 determined by the higher education coordinating board under chapter
23 28B.92 RCW. For each program course, the superintendent of public
24 instruction shall distribute to school districts an amount calculated
25 as three and one-half percent of the statewide annual average full-time
26 equivalent high school per pupil allocation per pupil per course for
27 the pupils whose family incomes would qualify the student for a state
28 need grant, as determined by the higher education coordinating board
29 under chapter 28B.92 RCW. School districts shall transfer the program
30 course amount for these pupils to the appropriate in-state institution
31 of higher education to offset pupils' participation fees. The
32 institution of higher education shall not require any pupil to pay any
33 other fees.

34 (b) A school district shall grant high school credit to a pupil
35 enrolled in a program course if the pupil successfully completes the
36 course. The determination shall be made in writing before the pupil
37 enrolls in the course. The credits shall be applied toward graduation

1 requirements and subject area requirements. Evidence of the successful
2 completion of each program course shall be included in the pupil's
3 secondary school records and transcript.

4 (c) Eleventh and twelfth grade pupils or pupils who have not yet
5 received the credits required for the award of a high school diploma or
6 its equivalent and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades
7 may participate in the college in the high school program.
8 Participating school districts and institutions of higher education
9 shall agree upon any additional criteria that may be established for
10 the award of any college or university credit awarded under program
11 courses.

12 (d) Participating school districts shall provide general
13 information about the college in the high school program to all pupils
14 in grades ten, eleven, and twelve and the parents and guardians of
15 those pupils.

16 (3) For the purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Institution of higher education" means the state universities,
18 the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, the community
19 colleges, and the technical colleges.

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

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

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

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

30 The basic education allocation, including applicable vocational
31 entitlements and special education program money, generated under this
32 chapter and under state appropriation acts by school districts for
33 students enrolled in a technical college program established by an
34 interlocal agreement under RCW 28B.50.533 shall be allocated in amounts
35 as determined by the superintendent of public instruction to the
36 serving college rather than to the school district, unless the college

1 chooses to continue to receive the allocations through the school
2 districts. This section does not apply to students enrolled in the
3 running start program established in RCW 28A.600.310 or the college in
4 the high school program established in section 2 of this act.

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

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

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

15 (3) The booklet shall include:

16 (a) Information about enrollment options and program opportunities,
17 including but not limited to programs in RCW 28A.225.220, 28A.185.040,
18 28A.225.200 through 28A.225.215, 28A.225.230 through 28A.225.250,
19 (~~28A.175.090~~), 28A.340.010 through 28A.340.070 (small high school
20 cooperative projects), and 28A.335.160.

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

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

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

29 Any middle school, junior high school, or high school using
30 educational pathways shall ensure that all participating students will
31 continue to have access to the courses and instruction necessary to
32 meet admission requirements at baccalaureate institutions. Students
33 shall be allowed to enter the educational pathway of their choice.
34 Before accepting a student into an educational pathway, the school
35 shall inform the student's parent of the pathway chosen, the
36 opportunities available to the student through the pathway, and the

1 career objectives the student will have exposure to while pursuing the
2 pathway. Parents and students dissatisfied with the opportunities
3 available through the selected educational pathway shall be provided
4 with the opportunity to transfer the student to any other pathway
5 provided in the school. Schools may not develop educational pathways
6 that retain students in high school beyond the date they are eligible
7 to graduate, and may not require students who transfer between pathways
8 to complete pathway requirements beyond the date the student is
9 eligible to graduate. Educational pathways may include, but are not
10 limited to, programs such as work-based learning, school-to-work
11 transition, tech prep, vocational-technical education, running start,
12 college in the high school, and preparation for technical college,
13 community college, or university education.

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