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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3129**

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60th Legislature  
2008 Regular Session

ONLINE LEARNING

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Yeas 93 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 6, 2008  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 20, 2008, 11:29 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3129** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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March 21, 2008

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick, Anderson, Quall, Simpson, and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 02/12/08.

1            AN ACT Relating to support for online learning for high school  
2 students to earn college credit; amending RCW 28A.600.320; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that student interest  
6 and participation in online learning continues to grow. At the same  
7 time, the legislature, business community, and public are encouraging  
8 additional programs for high school students to earn college credits.  
9 Fortunately for students attending schools in rural areas, the two  
10 trends can be combined to provide learning opportunities that are both  
11 rigorous and accessible, and in some cases available free to the  
12 student. In 2006-07, more than four thousand five hundred students  
13 were able to take an online college course through the running start  
14 program, which the community and technical college system makes  
15 accessible statewide through its WashingtonOnline consortium. A more  
16 concerted effort is needed to make schools and students aware of these  
17 opportunities.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
4    compile information about online learning programs for high school  
5    students to earn college credit and place the information on its web  
6    site.    Examples of information to be compiled and placed on the web  
7    site include links to purveyors of online learning programs,  
8    comparisons among various types of programs regarding costs or awarding  
9    of credit, advantages and disadvantages of online learning programs,  
10   and other general assistance and guidance for students, teachers, and  
11   counselors in selecting and considering online learning programs.    The  
12   office shall use the expertise of the digital learning commons and  
13   WashingtonOnline to provide assistance and suggest resources.

14        (2) High schools shall ensure that teachers and counselors have  
15   information about online learning programs for high school students to  
16   earn college credit and are able to assist parents and students in  
17   accessing the information.    High schools shall ensure that parents and  
18   students have opportunities to learn about online learning programs  
19   under this section.

20        (3) For the purposes of this section, online learning programs for  
21   high school students to earn college credit include such programs as  
22   the running start program under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400,  
23   advanced placement courses authorized by the college board, the digital  
24   learning commons, University of Washington extension, WashingtonOnline,  
25   and other programs and providers that meet qualifications under current  
26   laws and rules to offer courses that high schools may accept for credit  
27   toward graduation requirements or that offer courses generally accepted  
28   for credit by public institutions of higher education in Washington.

29        **Sec. 3.**    RCW 28A.600.320 and 1994 c 205 s 3 are each amended to  
30   read as follows:

31        A school district shall provide general information about the  
32   program to all pupils in grades ten, eleven, and twelve and the parents  
33   and guardians of those pupils, including information about the  
34   opportunity to enroll in the program through online courses available  
35   at community and technical colleges and other state institutions of  
36   higher education.    To assist the district in planning, a pupil shall

1 inform the district of the pupil's intent to enroll in courses at an  
2 institution of higher education for credit. Students are responsible  
3 for applying for admission to the institution of higher education.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
5 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
6 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
7 void.

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