

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1734

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring accreditation standards for college in the high school programs.

Sponsors: House Committee on College & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Leavitt, Boehnke, Van Werven, Slatter, Jinkins and Santos).

House Committee on College & Workforce Development
Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

Background:

Concurrent Enrollment Programs.

College in the High School (CIHS) courses allow high school students to take college level curriculum. The CIHS programs are defined in contract between a high school and a college or university. Students who successfully complete a CIHS course receive both high school credit and college credit. A CIHS course must fulfill general or major requirements at participating higher education institutions.

State Requirements for Concurrent Enrollment Program Accreditation.

In Washington, the Washington Administrative Code addresses CIHS standards. Current rule encourages National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation and mandates, at a minimum, that, in lieu of accreditation, participating higher education institutions must provide evidence that they meet the most recent NACEP standards for students, curriculum, assessment, faculty, and evaluation. The NACEP is the sole accrediting body for concurrent enrollment partnerships. The NACEP works to ensure that college courses offered by high school teachers are as rigorous as courses offered by the sponsoring college campus.

Accredited programs include the University of Washington—UW in the High School, Eastern Washington University—EWU in the High School, and Everett Community College—CIHS. Several other colleges are currently pursuing NACEP accreditation.

Summary:

Any college or university offering concurrent enrollment program courses at a public high school or under the CIHS program must obtain accreditation by a national accrediting body

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for concurrent enrollment by the 2027-28 school year. Any college or university engaged in concurrent enrollment program courses at a public high school or under the CIHS program on or before the 2019-20 academic year that is not accredited must continue to meet the same quality and eligibility standards and obtain approval to offer concurrent enrollment program courses through procedures established in rules until accredited. After the 2027-28 school year, any college or university not accredited or without an active application pending may not offer a concurrent enrollment program course. New college and university concurrent enrollment program courses implemented after the 2019-20 academic year have seven years from the beginning of the first term of classes to apply for accreditation. Colleges and universities are encouraged to provide institutional resources to support the transition to accreditation.

"Public high school" and "concurrent enrollment program" are both defined.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	47	0

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