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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Berg, J. Johnson, Valdez, Fey, Ramel, Santos, Sullivan, Slatter, Bergquist, Pollet, Stonier, Ormsby, and Taylor)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding access to dual credit programs;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.600.310; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 28A.600 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW  
4 28A.630.600.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Prior to course scheduling or course registration for the  
9 next school term, each public school that serves students in any of  
10 grades nine through 12 must provide all students and their parents or  
11 legal guardians with: Information about each available dual credit  
12 program and any financial assistance available to reduce dual credit  
13 course costs for students and their families, including fee waivers  
14 for running start program courses under RCW 28A.600.310. The  
15 information must be provided via email and other communication  
16 methods, and, to the extent feasible, must be translated into the  
17 primary language of each parent or legal guardian.

18 (2) A public school may consolidate the notification required  
19 under subsection (1) of this section with the notifications required  
20 under RCW 28A.320.195, 28A.600.287, and 28A.600.320.

1 (3) As used in this section, "public school" has the same meaning  
2 as in RCW 28A.150.010.

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

5 (1) Students participating in running start programs may be  
6 funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.6 full-time  
7 equivalents, including school district and institution of higher  
8 education enrollment.

9 (2) In calculating the combined full-time equivalents, the office  
10 of the superintendent of public instruction:

11 (a) Must adopt rules to fund the participating student's  
12 enrollment in running start courses provided by the institution of  
13 higher education during the summer academic term; and

14 (b) May average the participating student's September through  
15 June enrollment to account for differences in the start and end dates  
16 for courses provided by the high school and the institution of higher  
17 education.

18 (3) Running start programs as a service delivery model,  
19 associated funding levels beyond 1.0 full-time equivalent per  
20 student, and funding for high school graduates enrolled in running  
21 start courses under RCW 28A.600.310(1)(b), are not part of the  
22 state's statutory program of basic education under chapter 28A.150  
23 RCW.

24 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in  
25 consultation with the state board for community and technical  
26 colleges, the participating institutions of higher education, the  
27 student achievement council, and the education data center, must  
28 annually track, and report to the fiscal committees of the  
29 legislature, the combined full-time equivalent experience of students  
30 participating in running start programs, including course load  
31 analyses and enrollments by high school and participating  
32 institutions of higher education.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 2019 c 252 s 115 and 2019 c 176 s 2  
34 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

35 (1) Student eligibility for the running start program is provided  
36 in this subsection (1).

37 (a) Eleventh and (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade students or students who  
38 have not yet received the credits required for the award of a high

1 school diploma and are eligible to be in the (~~eleventh~~) 11th or  
2 (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade(~~s~~) may apply to a participating institution  
3 of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the  
4 institution of higher education.

5 (b) (~~The course sections and programs offered as running start~~  
6 ~~courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students~~  
7 ~~at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a~~  
8 ~~course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high~~  
9 ~~school campus~~) High school graduates who have 15 or fewer college  
10 credits to earn before meeting associate degree requirements may  
11 continue participation in the running start program and earn up to 15  
12 college credits during the summer academic term following their high  
13 school graduation.

14 (c) A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a  
15 public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses  
16 or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be  
17 counted by the school district in any required state or federal  
18 accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed  
19 a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the  
20 student received home-based instruction during the school year before  
21 the school year in which the student intends to participate in  
22 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.  
23 Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW  
24 and students attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195  
25 RCW shall not be required to meet the student learning goals or to  
26 learn the state learning standards. (~~However, students are eligible~~  
27 ~~to~~)

28 (2) Students may enroll in courses or programs in participating  
29 universities only if the board of directors of the student's school  
30 district has decided to participate in the running start program.

31 (3) Participating institutions of higher education, in  
32 consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards  
33 for these students. If the institution of higher education accepts a  
34 secondary school (~~pupil~~) student for enrollment under this section,  
35 the institution of higher education shall send written notice to the  
36 (~~pupil~~) student and the (~~pupil's~~) student's school district  
37 within (~~ten~~) 10 days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the  
38 course and hours of enrollment for that (~~pupil~~) student.

39 (~~(2)~~) (4) The course sections and programs offered as running  
40 start courses must be open for registration to matriculated students

1 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a  
2 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high  
3 school campus.

4 (5)(a) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020  
5 and 28B.15.041:

6 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or  
7 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each  
8 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for  
9 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to ~~((ten))~~  
10 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
11 28B.15.041; and

12 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a  
13 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up  
14 to ~~((ten))~~ 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW  
15 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

16 (b) The fees charged under this subsection ~~((+2))~~ (5) shall be  
17 prorated based on credit load.

18 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection (5) with advanced  
19 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the  
20 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter  
21 28B.95 RCW.

22 ~~((+3))~~ (6)(a) The institutions of higher education must make  
23 available fee waivers for low-income running start students. A  
24 student shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver  
25 upon proof that the student is currently qualified to receive free or  
26 reduced-price lunch. Acceptable documentation of low-income status  
27 may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student  
28 has been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the  
29 last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's  
30 policy.

31 (b)(i) By the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, school  
32 districts, upon knowledge of a low-income student's enrollment in  
33 running start, must provide documentation of the student's low-income  
34 status, under (a) of this subsection, directly to institutions of  
35 higher education.

36 (ii) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
37 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public  
38 instruction, in consultation with the Washington student achievement  
39 council, shall develop a centralized process for school districts to

1 provide students' low-income status to institutions of higher  
2 education to meet the requirements of (b)(i) of this subsection.

3 (c) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration with  
4 relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who can  
5 benefit from fee waivers take advantage of these waivers.  
6 Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and  
7 their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to  
8 students and their families on how to apply. Information about  
9 waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into  
10 financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual  
11 billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent  
12 possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited  
13 to websites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms,  
14 mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure  
15 that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches  
16 the maximum number of students and families that can benefit.

17 ~~((4))~~ (7) The ~~((pupil's))~~ student's school district shall  
18 transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each  
19 full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for  
20 vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public  
21 instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys  
22 appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260, and  
23 equivalent amounts for high school graduates enrolled in running  
24 start courses under subsection (1)(b) of this section, to school  
25 districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting  
26 school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related  
27 costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the  
28 estimated statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high  
29 school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small  
30 high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter  
31 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating  
32 institutions of higher education, and the state board for community  
33 and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and  
34 distribution of the funds. The funds received by the institution of  
35 higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition  
36 or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher  
37 education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall be counted  
38 for the purpose of meeting enrollment targets in accordance with  
39 terms and conditions specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    RCW 28A.630.600 (Running start summer  
2 school pilot program) and 2020 c 348 s 2 are each repealed.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    If specific funding for the purposes of  
4 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
5 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
6 act is null and void.

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