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By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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

5 (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, students
6 participating in running start programs may be funded up to a
7 combined maximum enrollment of 1.2 full-time equivalents, including
8 school district and institution of higher education enrollment.

9 (b) Students participating in a running start program during a
10 summer academic term may be funded up to a combined maximum
11 enrollment of 1.4 full-time equivalents, including school district
12 and institution of higher education enrollment.

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

15 (a) Must adopt rules to fund the participating student's
16 enrollment in running start courses provided by the institution of
17 higher education during the summer academic term, up to a maximum of
18 five college credits per student per summer academic term; and

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

23 (3) Running start programs as a service delivery model,
24 associated funding levels beyond 1.0 full-time equivalent per
25 student, and funding for high school graduates enrolled in running
26 start courses under RCW 28A.600.310(2)(b), are not part of the
27 state's statutory program of basic education under chapter 28A.150
28 RCW.

29 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
30 consultation with the state board for community and technical
31 colleges, the participating institutions of higher education, the
32 student achievement council, and the education data center, must

1 annually track, and report to the fiscal committees of the
2 legislature, the combined full-time equivalent experience of students
3 participating in running start programs, including course load
4 analyses and enrollments by high school and participating
5 institutions of higher education.

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

8 (1) Every school district must allow eligible students as
9 described in subsection (2) of this section to participate in the
10 running start program.

11 (2) Student eligibility for the running start program is as
12 follows:

13 (a) Eleventh and (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade students or students who
14 have not yet received the credits required for the award of a high
15 school diploma and are eligible to be in the (~~eleventh~~) 11th or
16 (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade(~~s~~), including students receiving home-based
17 instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW and students attending private
18 schools approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW, may apply to a
19 participating institution of higher education to enroll in courses or
20 programs offered by the institution of higher education.

21 (~~(b) (The course sections and programs offered as running start~~
22 ~~courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students~~
23 ~~at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a~~
24 ~~course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high~~
25 ~~school campus.~~

26 ~~(c) A student)~~ High school graduates who have 10 or fewer
27 college credits to earn before meeting associate degree requirements
28 may continue participation in the running start program and earn up
29 to 10 college credits during the summer academic term following their
30 high school graduation.

31 (3) Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter
32 28A.200 RCW enrolling in a public high school for the sole purpose of
33 participating in courses or programs offered by institutions of
34 higher education shall not be counted by the school district in any
35 required state or federal accountability reporting if the student's
36 parents or guardians filed a declaration of intent to provide home-
37 based instruction and the student received home-based instruction
38 during the school year before the school year in which the student
39 intends to participate in courses or programs offered by the

1 institution of higher education. (~~Students receiving home-based~~
2 ~~instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW and students attending private~~
3 ~~schools approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW shall not be required to~~
4 ~~meet the student learning goals or to learn the state learning~~
5 ~~standards. However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or~~
6 ~~programs in participating universities only if the board of directors~~
7 ~~of the student's school district has decided to participate in the~~
8 ~~program.))~~

9 (4) Participating institutions of higher education, in
10 consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards
11 for (~~these~~) eligible students. If the institution of higher
12 education accepts a secondary school (~~pupil~~) student for enrollment
13 under this section, the institution of higher education shall send
14 written notice to the (~~pupil~~) student and the (~~pupil's~~) student's
15 school district within (~~ten~~) 10 days of acceptance. The notice
16 shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that (~~pupil~~)
17 student.

18 (~~(2)~~) (5) The course sections and programs offered as running
19 start courses must be open for registration to matriculated students
20 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a
21 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high
22 school campus.

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

25 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or
26 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each
27 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for
28 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to (~~ten~~)
29 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and
30 28B.15.041; and

31 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a
32 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up
33 to (~~ten~~) 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW
34 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

35 (b) The fees charged under this subsection (~~(2)~~) (6) shall be
36 prorated based on credit load.

37 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection (6) with advanced
38 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the
39 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter
40 28B.95 RCW.

1 (~~(3)~~) (7)(a) The institutions of higher education must make
2 available fee waivers for low-income running start students. A
3 student shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver
4 upon proof that the student (~~(is currently qualified to receive)~~)
5 meets federal eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price
6 (~~(lunch)~~) school meals. Acceptable documentation of low-income status
7 may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student
8 has been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the
9 last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's
10 policy.

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

16 (ii) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
17 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
18 instruction, in consultation with the Washington student achievement
19 council, shall develop a centralized process for school districts to
20 provide students' low-income status to institutions of higher
21 education to meet the requirements of (b)(i) of this subsection.

22 (c) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration with
23 relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who can
24 benefit from fee waivers take advantage of these waivers.
25 Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and
26 their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to
27 students and their families on how to apply. Information about
28 waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into
29 financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual
30 billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent
31 possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited
32 to websites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms,
33 mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure
34 that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches
35 the maximum number of students and families that can benefit.

36 (~~(4)~~) (8) The (~~(pupil's)~~) student's school district shall
37 transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each
38 full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for
39 vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public
40 instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys

1 appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260, and
2 equivalent amounts for high school graduates enrolled in running
3 start courses under subsection (2)(b) of this section, to school
4 districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting
5 school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related
6 costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the
7 estimated statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high
8 school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small
9 high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter
10 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating
11 institutions of higher education, and the state board for community
12 and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and
13 distribution of the funds. The funds received by the institution of
14 higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition
15 or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher
16 education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall be counted
17 for the purpose of meeting enrollment targets in accordance with
18 terms and conditions specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

19 (9) This section governs school operation and management under
20 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools
21 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education
22 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same
23 extent as it applies to school districts.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.600.390 and 2012 c 229 s 506 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 The superintendent of public instruction, the state board for
27 community and technical colleges, and the student achievement council
28 shall jointly develop and adopt rules governing RCW 28A.600.300
29 through 28A.600.380 and section 1 of this act, if rules are
30 necessary. The rules shall be written to encourage the maximum use of
31 the program and shall not narrow or limit the enrollment options
32 under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.380.

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.600.400 and 1994 c 205 s 11 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.390 are in addition to and not
36 intended to adversely affect agreements between school districts and
37 institutions of higher education in effect on April 11, 1990(~~(, and~~
38 ~~in the future)~~).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If specific funding for the purposes of
2 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
3 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
4 act is null and void."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.600.390 and
7 28A.600.400; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.600.310; adding a new
8 section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: (1) Limits funding for running start students to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.2 FTE instead of 1.6 FTE.

(2) Allows funding up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 FTE for students who participate in running start during a summer academic term.

(3) Directs OSPI to adopt rules to fund student enrollment in running start courses during the summer academic term up to a maximum of five college credits per student per summer academic term.

(4) Allows students who have 10 or fewer college credits, rather than 15 or fewer college credits, to earn before meeting associate degree requirements to continue participation in running start and earn up to 10 college credits during the summer academic term following their high school graduation.

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