

2SHB 1316 - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Ways & Means

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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) Students participating in running start programs may be  
6 funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 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, up to a maximum of  
14 10 college credits per student per summer academic term; and

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

19 (3) Running start programs as a service delivery model and  
20 associated funding levels beyond 1.0 full-time equivalent per student  
21 are not part of the state's statutory program of basic education  
22 under chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

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

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

6       (2) Student eligibility for the running start program is as  
7 follows:

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

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

21       (~~(c) A student~~) (3) Students receiving home-based instruction  
22 under chapter 28A.200 RCW enrolling in a public high school for the  
23 sole purpose of participating in courses or programs offered by  
24 institutions of higher education shall not be counted by the school  
25 district in any required state or federal accountability reporting if  
26 the student's parents or guardians filed a declaration of intent to  
27 provide home-based instruction and the student received home-based  
28 instruction during the school year before the school year in which  
29 the student intends to participate in courses or programs offered by  
30 the institution of higher education. (~~(Students receiving home-based~~  
31 ~~instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW and students attending private~~  
32 ~~schools approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW shall not be required to~~  
33 ~~meet the student learning goals or to learn the state learning~~  
34 ~~standards. However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or~~  
35 ~~programs in participating universities only if the board of directors~~  
36 ~~of the student's school district has decided to participate in the~~  
37 ~~program.)~~)

38       (4) Participating institutions of higher education, in  
39 consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards  
40 for (~~(these)~~) eligible students. If the institution of higher

1 education accepts a secondary school (~~(pupil)~~) student for enrollment  
2 under this section, the institution of higher education shall send  
3 written notice to the (~~(pupil)~~) student and the (~~(pupil's)~~) student's  
4 school district within (~~(ten)~~) 10 days of acceptance. The notice  
5 shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that (~~(pupil)~~)  
6 student.

7 (~~((2))~~) (5) The course sections and programs offered as running  
8 start courses must be open for registration to matriculated students  
9 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a  
10 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high  
11 school campus.

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

14 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or  
15 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each  
16 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for  
17 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to (~~(ten)~~)  
18 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
19 28B.15.041; and

20 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a  
21 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up  
22 to (~~(ten)~~) 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW  
23 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

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

26 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection (6) with advanced  
27 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the  
28 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter  
29 28B.95 RCW.

30 (~~((3))~~) (7)(a) The institutions of higher education must make  
31 available fee waivers for low-income running start students. A  
32 student shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver  
33 upon proof that the student (~~(is currently qualified to receive)~~)  
34 meets federal eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price  
35 (~~(lunch)~~) school meals. Acceptable documentation of low-income status  
36 may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student  
37 has been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the  
38 last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's  
39 policy.

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

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

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

26 ~~((4))~~ (8) The ~~((pupil's))~~ student's school district shall  
27 transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each  
28 full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for  
29 vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public  
30 instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys  
31 appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260 to school  
32 districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting  
33 school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related  
34 costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the  
35 estimated statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high  
36 school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small  
37 high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter  
38 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating  
39 institutions of higher education, and the state board for community  
40 and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and

1 distribution of the funds. The funds received by the institution of  
2 higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition  
3 or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher  
4 education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall be counted  
5 for the purpose of meeting enrollment targets in accordance with  
6 terms and conditions specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

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

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

14 The superintendent of public instruction, the state board for  
15 community and technical colleges, and the student achievement council  
16 shall jointly develop and adopt rules governing RCW 28A.600.300  
17 through 28A.600.380 and section 1 of this act, if rules are  
18 necessary. The rules shall be written to encourage the maximum use of  
19 the program and shall not narrow or limit the enrollment options  
20 under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.380.

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

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

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

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1        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "programs;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.600.390 and  
3 28A.600.400; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.600.310; adding a new  
4 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 1.4 FTE instead of 1.2 FTE.

(2) Directs OSPI to adopt rules to provide funding for running start students during the summer academic term up to a maximum of 10 college credits per student per summer academic term.

(3) Removes provisions that allow students who have 10 or fewer college credits to earn before meeting associate degree requirements to continue participation in the running start program during the summer academic term following their high school graduation.

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