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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating college in the high school fees;
2 amending RCW 28A.600.287 and 28B.76.730; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.10 RCW; and repealing RCW 28A.600.290.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning on September 1, 2023, institutions of higher
8 education must provide enrollment and registration in college in the
9 high school courses in which a student is eligible to receive college
10 credit available at no cost for students in the ninth, 10th, 11th, or
11 12th grade at public high schools.

12 (2) Beginning with the 2023-2025 omnibus operating appropriation
13 act, the legislature must pass an omnibus operating appropriations
14 act that appropriates to the state board of community and technical
15 colleges and each of the public four-year institutions of higher
16 education state funding for college in high school courses
17 administered at public secondary schools.

18 (3) State appropriations for the college in the high school
19 program to the institutions of higher education shall be calculated
20 as follows: The total college in the high school courses administered
21 in the prior academic year, funded at a rate of:

1 (a) \$6,000 per college in the high school course administered by
2 a state university as defined in RCW 28B.10.016;

3 (b) \$5,500 per college in the high school course administered by
4 a regional university or the state college; or

5 (c) \$3,500 per college in the high school course administered by
6 a community or technical college.

7 (4) Beginning with fiscal year 2025 the rate per college in the
8 high school course administered must be adjusted annually for
9 inflation as measured by the consumer price index.

10 (5) State appropriations must be based on the total number of
11 college in the high school courses administered by an institution of
12 higher education for the academic year immediately prior to the
13 current fiscal year. The state appropriation is based on course
14 administration data submitted annually by October 15th to the office
15 of financial management and legislative fiscal staff.

16 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
17 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (a) "Community or technical college" has the same meaning as
19 provided for under RCW 28B.50.030.

20 (b) "Course" means a class taught under a contract between an
21 institution of higher education and a single high school teacher on
22 an articulated subject in which the student is eligible to receive
23 college credit.

24 (c) "High school" means a public school, as defined in RCW
25 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through 12.

26 (d) "Institutions of higher education" has the same meaning as
27 provided for under RCW 28B.10.016.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.287 and 2021 c 71 s 1 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) College in the high school is a dual credit program located
31 on a high school campus or in a high school environment in which a
32 high school student is able to earn both high school and college
33 credit by completing college level courses with a passing grade. A
34 college in the high school program must meet the accreditation
35 requirements in RCW 28B.10.035 and the requirements in this section.

36 (2) A college in the high school program may include both
37 academic and career and technical education.

38 (3) Ninth, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, and students who
39 have not yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are

1 eligible to be in the ninth, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades, may
2 participate in a college in the high school program.

3 (4) A college in the high school program must be governed by a
4 local contract between an institution of higher education and a
5 school district, charter school, or state-tribal compact school, in
6 compliance with the rules adopted by the superintendent of public
7 instruction under this section. The local contract must include the
8 qualifications for students to enroll in a program course.

9 ~~(5) ((a) An institution of higher education may charge tuition~~
10 ~~fees per credit to each student enrolled in a program course as~~
11 ~~established in this subsection (5).~~

12 ~~(b) (i) The maximum per college credit tuition fee for a program~~
13 ~~course is \$65 per college credit adjusted for inflation using the~~
14 ~~implicit price deflator for that fiscal year, using fiscal year 2021~~
15 ~~as the base, as compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United~~
16 ~~States department of labor for the state of Washington.~~

17 ~~(ii) Annually by July 1st, the office of the superintendent of~~
18 ~~public instruction must calculate the maximum per college credit~~
19 ~~tuition fee and post the fee on its website.~~

20 ~~(c) The funds received by an institution of higher education~~
21 ~~under this subsection (5) are not tuition or operating fees and may~~
22 ~~be retained by the institution of higher education.~~

23 ~~(6))~~ Enrollment information on persons registered under this
24 section must be maintained by the institution of higher education
25 separately from other enrollment information and may not be included
26 in official enrollment reports, nor may such persons be considered in
27 any enrollment statistics that would affect higher education
28 budgetary determinations.

29 ~~((7))~~ (6) Each school district, charter school, and state-
30 tribal compact school must award high school credit to a student
31 enrolled in a program course if the student successfully completes
32 the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school
33 district, charter school, or state-tribal compact school, the chief
34 administrator shall determine how many credits to award for the
35 successful completion of the program course. The determination must
36 be made in writing before the student enrolls in the program course.
37 The awarded credit must be applied toward graduation requirements and
38 subject area requirements. Evidence of successful completion of each
39 program course must be included in the student's high school records
40 and transcript.

1 ~~((8) An))~~ (7) Each institution of higher education ~~((must~~
2 ~~award))~~ offering college in the high school must:

3 (a) Award college credit to a student enrolled in a program
4 course ~~((if the student successfully completes the course. The~~
5 ~~awarded college credit must be applied toward general education~~
6 ~~requirements or degree requirements at the institution of higher~~
7 ~~education. Evidence of successful completion of each program course~~
8 ~~must be included in the student's college transcript))~~ and provide
9 evidence of completion of each program course on the student's
10 college transcript;

11 (b) Grant undergraduate college credit as appropriate and
12 applicable to the student's degree requirements; and

13 (c) Provide course equivalencies for college in the high school
14 courses and policy for awarding credit on the institution's website.

15 ~~((9))~~ (8)(a) A high school that offers a college in the high
16 school program must provide general information about the program to
17 all students in grades eight through 12 and to the parents and
18 guardians of those students.

19 (b) A high school that offers a college in the high school
20 program must include the following information about program courses
21 in the high school catalogue or equivalent:

22 (i) There is no fee for students to enroll in a program course
23 ~~((to earn only high school credit. Fees apply for students who choose~~
24 ~~to enroll in a program course to earn both high school and college~~
25 ~~credit;~~

26 ~~(ii) A description and breakdown of the fees charged to students~~
27 ~~to earn college credit;~~

28 ~~(iii) A description of fee payment and financial assistance~~
29 ~~options available to students; and~~

30 ~~(iv))~~ for high school credit or for students to enroll in a
31 program course for both high school and college credit; and

32 (ii) A notification that ~~((paying for))~~ enrolling in a program
33 course for college credit automatically starts an official college
34 transcript with the institution of higher education offering the
35 program course regardless of student performance in the program
36 course, and that college credit earned upon successful completion of
37 a program course may count only as elective credit if transferred to
38 another institution of higher education.

1 ~~((10))~~ (9) Full-time and part-time faculty at institutions of
2 higher education, including adjunct faculty, are eligible to teach
3 program courses.

4 ~~((11) Students enrolled in a program course may pay college in
5 the high school fees with advanced college tuition payment program
6 tuition units at a rate set by the advanced college tuition payment
7 program governing body under chapter 28B.95 RCW.~~

8 ~~(12))~~ (10) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt
9 rules for the administration of this section. The rules must be
10 jointly developed by the superintendent of public instruction, the
11 state board for community and technical colleges, the student
12 achievement council, and the public baccalaureate institutions. The
13 association of Washington school principals must be consulted during
14 the rules development. The rules must outline quality and eligibility
15 standards that are informed by nationally recognized standards or
16 models. In addition, the rules must encourage the maximum use of the
17 program and may not narrow or limit the enrollment options.

18 (13) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
19 section ~~((→))~~, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

20 (a) "Charter school" means a school established under chapter
21 28A.710 RCW.

22 (b) "High school" means a public school, as defined in RCW
23 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through 12.

24 (c) "Institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in
25 RCW 28B.10.016, and also means a public tribal college located in
26 Washington and accredited by the northwest commission on colleges and
27 universities or another accrediting association recognized by the
28 United States department of education.

29 (d) "Program course" means a college course offered in a high
30 school under a college in the high school program.

31 (e) "State-tribal compact school" means a school established
32 under chapter 28A.715 RCW.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.76.730 and 2021 c 71 s 6 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The legislature recognizes that dual credit programs reduce
36 both the cost and time of attendance to obtain a postsecondary
37 degree. The legislature intends to reduce barriers and increase
38 access to postsecondary educational opportunities for low-income

1 students by removing the financial barriers for dual enrollment
2 programs for students.

3 (2) The office, in consultation with the institutions of higher
4 education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
5 shall create the Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot
6 program. The office shall administer the Washington dual enrollment
7 scholarship pilot program and may adopt rules as necessary.

8 (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following
9 requirements:

10 (a) Qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program;

11 (b) Are enrolled in one or more dual credit programs, as defined
12 in RCW 28B.15.821, such as ~~((college in the high school and))~~ running
13 start; and

14 (c) Have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

15 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
16 specific purpose, beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the
17 office may award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship
18 award must be as follows ~~((÷~~

19 ~~-(a)-For~~) for eligible students enrolled in running start:

20 ~~((+i))~~ (a) Mandatory fees, as defined in RCW 28A.600.310(2),
21 prorated based on credit load;

22 ~~((+ii))~~ (b) Course fees or laboratory fees as determined
23 appropriate by college or university policies to pay for specified
24 course related costs;

25 ~~((+iii))~~ (c) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of
26 higher education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every
27 credit per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive
28 a textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen
29 credits per quarter, or the equivalent, per year; and

30 ~~((+iv))~~ (d) Apprenticeship materials as determined appropriate
31 by the college or university to pay for specific course-related
32 material costs, which may include occupation-specific tools, work
33 clothes, rain gear, or boots.

34 ~~((b) An eligible student enrolled in a college in the high
35 school program may receive a scholarship for tuition fees as set
36 forth under RCW 28A.600.287.))~~

37 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must
38 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW
39 28A.600.310 ~~((and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290))~~ are provided for.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.600.290 (College in the high
2 school program—Funding) and 2021 c 71 s 2, 2015 c 202 s 3, 2012 c 229
3 s 801, & 2009 c 450 s 3 are each repealed.

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