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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5048**

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5048** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet, Rolfes, Billig, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Lias, Nguyen, Pedersen, Valdez, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, and C. Wilson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/23.

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; creating a new section; and repealing RCW  
4 28A.600.290.

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

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

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

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

19 (3) State appropriations for the college in the high school  
20 program to the institutions of higher education shall be calculated  
21 as follows: The total college in the high school courses administered

1 in the prior academic year, funded at \$300 per student up to a  
2 maximum rate of:

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

5 (b) \$5,000 per college in the high school course administered by  
6 a regional university or the state college; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) "High school" means a public school, as defined in RCW  
27 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through 12.

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

30 (e) "College in the high school" is the program created under RCW  
31 28A.600.287.

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

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

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

3 (3) Ninth, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, and students who  
4 have not yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are  
5 eligible to be in the ninth, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades, may  
6 participate in a college in the high school program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 ~~((7))~~ (6) Each school district, charter school, and state-  
34 tribal compact school must award high school credit to a student  
35 enrolled in a program course if the student successfully completes  
36 the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school  
37 district, charter school, or state-tribal compact school, the chief  
38 administrator shall determine how many credits to award for the  
39 successful completion of the program course. The determination must  
40 be made in writing before the student enrolls in the program course.

1 The awarded credit must be applied toward graduation requirements and  
2 subject area requirements. Evidence of successful completion of each  
3 program course must be included in the student's high school records  
4 and transcript.

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

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

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

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

19 ~~((9))~~ (8)(a) A high school that offers a college in the high  
20 school program must provide general information about the program to  
21 all students in grades eight through 12 and to the parents and  
22 guardians of those students.

23 (b) A high school that offers a college in the high school  
24 program must include the following information about program courses  
25 in a notification to parents and guardians of students in grades  
26 eight through 12, including by email and in beginning of the year  
27 packets, and in the high school catalogue or equivalent:

28 (i) There is no fee for students to enroll in a program course  
29 ((to earn only high school credit. Fees apply for students who choose  
30 to enroll in a program course to earn both high school and college  
31 credit;

32 (ii) A description and breakdown of the fees charged to students  
33 to earn college credit;

34 (iii) A description of fee payment and financial assistance  
35 options available to students; and

36 (iv)) for high school credit or for students to enroll in a  
37 program course for both high school and college credit; and

38 (ii) A notification that ((paying for)) enrolling in a program  
39 course for college credit automatically starts an official college  
40 transcript with the institution of higher education offering the

1 program course regardless of student performance in the program  
2 course, and that college credit earned upon successful completion of  
3 a program course may count only as elective credit if transferred to  
4 another institution of higher education.

5 ~~((10))~~ (9) Full-time and part-time faculty at institutions of  
6 higher education, including adjunct faculty, are eligible to teach  
7 program courses.

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

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

22 ~~((13))~~ (11)(a) State universities, regional universities, and  
23 the state college, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, offering college in  
24 the high school courses shall coordinate with an organization  
25 representing the presidents of the public four-year institutions of  
26 higher education, and the community and technical colleges offering  
27 college in the high school courses shall coordinate with the state  
28 board for community and technical colleges to each prepare a report,  
29 each disaggregated by institution of higher education, that includes:

30 (i) Data about student participation rates, award of high school  
31 credit, award of postsecondary credit at an institution of higher  
32 education, academic performance, and subsequent enrollment in an  
33 institution of higher education;

34 (ii) Geographic data on college in the high school courses,  
35 including the name, number, location of courses, and student  
36 enrollment disaggregated by school districts and high schools;

37 (iii) Data on college in the high school student demographics,  
38 including race, ethnicity, gender, and receipt of free or reduced  
39 price lunch; and

1 (iv) Recommendations on additional categories of data reporting  
2 and disaggregation.

3 (b) Beginning September 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, the  
4 reports must be submitted to the appropriate committees of the  
5 legislature in accordance with RCW 43.01.036.

6 (12) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
7 section((→)), unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

8 (a) "Charter school" means a school established under chapter  
9 28A.710 RCW.

10 (b) "High school" means a public school, as defined in RCW  
11 28A.150.010, that serves students in any of grades nine through 12.

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

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

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

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

23 (1) The legislature recognizes that dual credit programs reduce  
24 both the cost and time of attendance to obtain a postsecondary  
25 degree. The legislature intends to reduce barriers and increase  
26 access to postsecondary educational opportunities for low-income  
27 students by removing the financial barriers for dual enrollment  
28 programs for students.

29 (2) The office, in consultation with the institutions of higher  
30 education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
31 shall create the Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot  
32 program. The office shall administer the Washington dual enrollment  
33 scholarship pilot program and may adopt rules as necessary.

34 (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following  
35 requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 ~~((ii))~~ (b) Course fees or laboratory fees as determined  
10 appropriate by college or university policies to pay for specified  
11 course related costs;

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

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

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

24 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must  
25 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW  
26 28A.600.310 (~~and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290~~) are provided for.

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

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

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