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CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1316** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Ortiz-Self, Stonier, Bergquist, Lekanoff, Ramel, Santos, Reed, Pollet, Leavitt, Timmons, Chapman, and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to expanding access to dual credit programs;
2 amending RCW 28A.600.390 and 28A.600.400; reenacting and amending RCW
3 28A.600.310; adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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) Students participating in running start programs may be
9 funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 full-time
10 equivalents, including school district and institution of higher
11 education enrollment.

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

14 (a) Must adopt rules to fund the participating student's
15 enrollment in running start courses provided by the institution of
16 higher education during the summer academic term, up to a maximum of
17 10 college credits per student per summer academic term; and

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

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

5 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
6 consultation with the state board for community and technical
7 colleges, the participating institutions of higher education, the
8 student achievement council, and the education data center, must
9 annually track, and report to the fiscal committees of the
10 legislature, the combined full-time equivalent experience of students
11 participating in running start programs, including course load
12 analyses and enrollments by high school and participating
13 institutions of higher education.

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

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

19 (2) Student eligibility for the running start program is as
20 follows:

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

29 (~~(b) The course sections and programs offered as running start~~
30 ~~courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students~~
31 ~~at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a~~
32 ~~course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high~~
33 ~~school campus.~~

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

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

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

21 (~~(2)~~) (5) The course sections and programs offered as running
22 start courses must 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 (6)(a) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020
27 and 28B.15.041:

28 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or
29 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each
30 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for
31 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to (~~ten~~)
32 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and
33 28B.15.041; and

34 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a
35 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up
36 to (~~ten~~) 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW
37 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

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

1 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection (6) with advanced
2 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the
3 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter
4 28B.95 RCW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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