
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6121

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Ranker, and Eide)

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1 AN ACT Relating to calculation and allocation of appropriations for
2 alternative learning experience courses; amending RCW 28A.232.020; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that students enrolled
6 in alternative learning experience courses benefit from career and
7 technical education courses as much as students enrolled in traditional
8 courses. Alternative learning experience courses may be offered on-
9 site in a classroom, remotely, or partially or completely online, and
10 may include courses in career and technical education. Funding for
11 career and technical education courses is allocated at an enhanced rate
12 compared to other courses to reflect the higher costs of training and
13 equipment associated with career and technical education courses and
14 hands-on vocational education. It is the intent of the legislature
15 that the enhanced funding allocation for career and technical education
16 courses only apply to those alternative learning experience courses in
17 career and technical education that offer a sufficiently hands-on
18 vocational education experience to students and require specialized

1 equipment or training to offer to students, to be determined by the
2 office of the superintendent of public instruction.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.232.020 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 18 s 503 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall separately
6 calculate and allocate moneys appropriated under RCW 28A.150.260 to
7 school districts for each full-time equivalent student enrolled in an
8 alternative learning experience course. The calculation for
9 alternative learning experience courses other than those in career and
10 technical education shall be based on the estimated statewide annual
11 average allocation per full-time equivalent student in grades nine
12 through twelve in general education, excluding small high school
13 enhancements, and including applicable rules and provisions of the
14 omnibus appropriations act.

15 (2)(a) For students enrolled in approved alternative learning
16 experience courses in career and technical education, the office of the
17 superintendent of public instruction may determine that the alternative
18 learning experience course in career and technical education requires
19 specialized equipment or training to offer that justifies an enhanced
20 funding allocation rate. In that case, the funding calculation shall
21 be based on the estimated statewide annual average allocation per full-
22 time equivalent student in grades nine through twelve in career and
23 technical education, excluding small high school enhancements, and
24 including applicable rules and provisions of the omnibus appropriations
25 act.

26 (b) Funding for online alternative learning experience courses in
27 career and technical education that do not qualify for an enhanced
28 funding allocation rate shall be calculated based on the estimated
29 statewide annual average allocation per full-time equivalent student in
30 grades nine through twelve in general education, excluding small high
31 school enhancements, and including applicable rules and provisions of
32 the omnibus appropriations act.

33 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may
34 adopt rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

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