
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1977

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Honeyford, Boldt and Dunn)

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to high school students' options; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that students may have
5 difficulty attending community college for the purpose of the running
6 start program due to the distance of the nearest community college. In
7 these cases, it may be more advantageous for students in border
8 counties to attend community colleges in neighboring states. The
9 legislature encourages school districts to pursue interagency
10 agreements with community colleges in neighboring states when it is in
11 the best interests of the student's educational progress.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) School districts in Washington and community colleges in Oregon
15 and Idaho may enter into cooperative agreements under chapter 39.34 RCW
16 for the purpose of allowing eleventh and twelfth grade students who are
17 enrolled in the school districts to earn high school and college credit
18 concurrently.

1 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, if a
2 school district exercises the authority granted in subsection (1) of
3 this section, the provisions of RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.360 and
4 28A.600.380 through 28A.600.400 shall apply to the agreements.

5 (3) A school district may enter an agreement in which the community
6 college agrees to accept an amount less than the state-wide uniform
7 rate under RCW 28A.600.310(2) if the community college does not charge
8 participating students tuition and fees. A school district may not pay
9 a per-credit rate in excess of the state-wide uniform rate under RCW
10 28A.600.310(2).

11 (4) To the extent feasible, the agreements shall permit
12 participating students to attend the community college without paying
13 any tuition and fees. The agreements shall not permit the community
14 college to charge participating students nonresident tuition and fee
15 rates.

16 (5) The agreements shall ensure that participating students are
17 permitted to enroll only in courses that are transferable to one or
18 more institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

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