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By Representatives Quall, Talcott, Carlson and Thompson

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1            AN ACT Relating to the running start program; and amending RCW  
2 28A.600.310.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 1994 c 205 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have not  
7 yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible  
8 to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may apply to a participating  
9 institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs  
10 offered by the institution of higher education. However, students are  
11 eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating universities  
12 only if the board of directors of the student's school district has  
13 decided to participate in the program. Participating institutions of  
14 higher education, in consultation with school districts, may establish  
15 admission standards for these students. If the institution of higher  
16 education accepts a secondary school pupil for enrollment under this  
17 section, the institution of higher education shall send written notice  
18 to the pupil and the pupil's school district within ten days of

1 acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of  
2 enrollment for that pupil.

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

25 (3)(a) This section does not prohibit home school students from  
26 enrolling in an institution of higher education under the provisions of  
27 this section. This section does not prohibit students enrolled in  
28 approved private schools from enrolling in an institution of higher  
29 education under the provisions of this section. Home school students  
30 and private school students may apply directly to participating  
31 institutions of higher education for enrollment under this section.  
32 Participating institutions of higher education and approved private  
33 schools may enter into agreements for the award of both high school  
34 credit and postsecondary credit under RCW 28A.600.350 for students  
35 enrolled in approved private schools. State funds may not be  
36 transmitted to private schools under this section.

37 (b) The superintendent of public instruction shall transmit funds  
38 in an amount per each full-time equivalent college student at state-  
39 wide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational students directly

1 to institutions of higher education for home school students not  
2 enrolled in a school district and students enrolled in an approved  
3 private school. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
4 separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic  
5 education under RCW 28A.150.260 for the purposes of making such  
6 payments directly to participating institutions of higher education.  
7 The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the estimated  
8 state-wide annual average per full-time equivalent high school student  
9 under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small high school enhancements, and  
10 applicable rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW.

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