
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5289

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By Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education
(originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Hargrove, Stevens,
Regala, Mulliken and Benton)

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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 the credits required for the award of a high school
8 diploma ((~~or its equivalent~~)) and are eligible to be in the eleventh or
9 twelfth grades may apply to a participating institution of higher
10 education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the institution
11 of higher education. A student receiving home-based instruction
12 enrolling in a public high school for the sole purpose of participating
13 in courses or programs offered by institutions of higher education
14 shall not be counted by the school district in any required state or
15 federal accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians
16 filed a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the
17 student received home-based instruction during the school year before
18 the school year in which the student intends to participate in courses
19 or programs offered by the institution of higher education. Students

1 receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW and students
2 attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW shall not
3 be required to meet the student learning goals, obtain a certificate of
4 academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement to
5 graduate from high school, or to master the essential academic learning
6 requirements. However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or
7 programs in participating universities only if the board of directors
8 of the student's school district has decided to participate in the
9 program. Participating institutions of higher education, in
10 consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards
11 for these students. If the institution of higher education accepts a
12 secondary school pupil for enrollment under this section, the
13 institution of higher education shall send written notice to the pupil
14 and the pupil's school district within ten days of acceptance. The
15 notice shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that
16 pupil.

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

1 restrictions imposed by the state on the institution of higher
2 education.

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