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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. However,

1 students are eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating  
2 universities only if the board of directors of the student's school  
3 district has decided to participate in the program. Participating  
4 institutions of higher education, in consultation with school  
5 districts, may establish admission standards for these students. If  
6 the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school pupil  
7 for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education  
8 shall send written notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district  
9 within ten days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course  
10 and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

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

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