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By Senators Jarrett, Benton, Kilmer, Kauffman, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a financial incentive to school  
2 districts for high school students who complete postsecondary credits;  
3 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) It is the legislature's intent to encourage high schools and  
8 high school students to maximize available learning opportunities that  
9 reduce the overall time and taxpayer support for a student to complete  
10 a postsecondary degree.

11 (2) A school district shall receive an allocation under subsection  
12 (3) of this section for each student who: (a) Graduates with a high  
13 school diploma from the district; and (b) at the time of graduation,  
14 has accumulated postsecondary credits through participation in running  
15 start, advanced placement, tech-prep, skills centers, college in the  
16 high school, international baccalaureate, or any other program that  
17 provides high school students with the opportunity to earn college  
18 credit.

1           (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, the superintendent of  
2 public instruction shall allocate to school districts, for each student  
3 who meets the criteria in subsection (2) of this section, an amount  
4 equal to the statewide annual average allocation for a full-time  
5 equivalent high school student under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small  
6 high school enhancements. The allocation rate shall be the equivalent  
7 of one school year of funding for every two academic years of  
8 postsecondary course credits accumulated by the student. For students  
9 who accumulate fewer than two academic years of course credits, the  
10 superintendent shall allocate a pro rata share of the full allocation.  
11 The superintendent shall make the allocation in the school year  
12 following the student's graduation from high school based on the prior  
13 school year's statewide annual average allocation amount.

14           (4) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules under  
15 chapter 34.05 RCW to implement this section.

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