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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1526**

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**By** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Reykdal, Santos, Goodman, Upthegrove, Maxwell, Seaquist, Freeman, Bergquist, Lytton, Ryu, Kagi, Tarleton, Jinkins, Fey, and Pollet)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/13.

1       AN ACT Relating to increasing enrollment of underrepresented  
2 students in running start through a middle school, high school, and  
3 running start college partnership pilot project; adding a new section  
4 to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an  
5 expiration date.

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

7       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   The legislature finds that low-income  
8 students and students of color often do not have access to dual-credit  
9 programs that allow students to earn both high school and college  
10 credits.   Low-income students and students of color are  
11 underrepresented in running start.   Running start provides a cost-  
12 effective way for high school students to obtain college credits.   It  
13 also accelerates their progress through the education system.   Because  
14 low-income students and students of color are underrepresented in  
15 running start, they are unable to take advantage of its benefits.  
16 Therefore, a pilot project is necessary to improve enrollment among  
17 those populations and to ensure that running start is accessible to all  
18 students.

1 The purpose of this pilot project is to provide coordination  
2 between middle schools, high schools, and running start college  
3 programs to help address the existing opportunity gap.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A second component of the increasing enrollment of  
7 underrepresented students in the running start pilot project shall be  
8 facilitated by the office of the superintendent of public instruction  
9 and involve close collaboration and coordination between the  
10 participating institutions of higher education as defined in RCW  
11 28A.600.300 that have over fifty students participating in the running  
12 start program and school districts with students participating in that  
13 program. School districts of the second class and nonhigh districts  
14 are not required to participate. School districts must meet with  
15 participating institutions of higher education located within their  
16 district and identify a plan for increasing enrollment of  
17 underrepresented students in the running start program. These meetings  
18 may include more than one school district or participating institution  
19 of higher education. A plan identified by each school district and  
20 partnering running start institution must be provided to the office of  
21 the superintendent of public instruction by August 1, 2014. The plan  
22 must include a focus on:

23 (a) Identifying and implementing strategies to provide outreach  
24 regarding the running start program to underrepresented populations at  
25 middle schools and high schools to ensure that students and families  
26 have information on the program. These strategies should include  
27 outreach efforts conducted by students from underrepresented  
28 populations, representatives from participating institutions of higher  
29 education visiting local high schools, and school districts providing  
30 explicit information sessions regarding running start;

31 (b) Ensuring better coordination between middle schools, high  
32 schools, and participating institutions of higher education to provide  
33 academic guidance to students who have been underrepresented in the  
34 running start program so that these students are better able to  
35 participate in that program.

36 (2) By December 1, 2014, the office of the superintendent of public  
37 instruction must provide to appropriate committees of the legislature

1 guidelines for improving outreach to students who have been  
2 underrepresented in the running start program and collaboration among  
3 middle schools, high schools, and participating institutions of higher  
4 education based on the plans that were reported by school districts and  
5 participating institutions of higher education.

6 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
7 collect current demographic data from each school district related to  
8 student participation in running start. This data shall be compared  
9 with data collected after two years of collaboration as described in  
10 subsection (1) of this section, and submitted to appropriate committees  
11 of the legislature by December 1, 2016.

12 (4) This section expires August 1, 2017.

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