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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding participation in college in the high
2 school programs; and amending RCW 28A.600.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.290 and 2012 c 229 s 801 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction, the state board for
7 community and technical colleges, and the public baccalaureate
8 institutions shall jointly develop and each adopt rules governing the
9 college in the high school program. The association of Washington
10 school principals shall be consulted during the rules development. The
11 rules shall be written to encourage the maximum use of the program and
12 may not narrow or limit the enrollment options.

13 (2) College in the high school programs shall each be governed by
14 a local contract between the district and the institution of higher
15 education, in compliance with the guidelines adopted by the
16 superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and
17 technical colleges, and the public baccalaureate institutions.

18 (3) The college in the high school program must include the
19 provisions in this subsection.

1 (a) The high school and institution of higher education together
2 shall define the criteria for student eligibility. The institution of
3 higher education may charge tuition fees to participating students.

4 (b) School districts shall report no student for more than one
5 full-time equivalent including college in the high school courses.

6 (c) The funds received by the institution of higher education may
7 not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the
8 institution of higher education.

9 (d) Enrollment information on persons registered under this section
10 must be maintained by the institution of higher education separately
11 from other enrollment information and may not be included in official
12 enrollment reports, nor may such persons be considered in any
13 enrollment statistics that would affect higher education budgetary
14 determinations.

15 (e) A school district must grant high school credit to a student
16 enrolled in a program course if the student successfully completes the
17 course. If no comparable course is offered by the school district, the
18 school district superintendent shall determine how many credits to
19 award for the course. The determination shall be made in writing
20 before the student enrolls in the course. The credits shall be applied
21 toward graduation requirements and subject area requirements. Evidence
22 of successful completion of each program course shall be included in
23 the student's secondary school records and transcript.

24 (f) An institution of higher education must grant college credit to
25 a student enrolled in a program course if the student successfully
26 completes the course. The college credit shall be applied toward
27 general education requirements or major requirements. If no comparable
28 course is offered by the college, the institution of higher education
29 at which the teacher of the program course is employed shall determine
30 how many credits to award for the course and whether the course
31 fulfills general education or major requirements. Evidence of
32 successful completion of each program course must be included in the
33 student's college transcript.

34 (g) Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students or students who
35 have not yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are
36 eligible to be in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grades may
37 participate in the college in the high school program.

1 (h) Participating school districts must provide general information
2 about the college in the high school program to all students in grades
3 (~~ten, eleven, and~~) nine through twelve and to the parents and
4 guardians of those students.

5 (i) Full-time and part-time faculty at institutions of higher
6 education, including adjunct faculty, are eligible to teach program
7 courses.

8 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
9 section.

10 (a) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning in RCW
11 28B.10.016 and also includes a public tribal college located in
12 Washington and accredited by the Northwest commission on colleges and
13 universities or another accrediting association recognized by the
14 United States department of education.

15 (b) "Program course" means a college course offered in a high
16 school under the college in the high school program.

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