Washington State
House of Representatives
Office of Program Research

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ANALYSIS

Education Committee

HB 1081

Brief Description: Expanding participation in the college in the high school programs.

Sponsors: Representatives Sullivan, Kagi, Gregerson, Haler, Reykdal, Jinkins, Bergquist, Hudgins, Hargrove and Ormsby.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands eligibility to participate in College in the High School (CHS) programs to 10th graders.

Hearing Date: 1/19/15

Staff: Robin Hammond (786-7291).

Background:

College in the High School (CHS) programs provide college level courses in high schools to qualified 11th and 12th grade high school students, or students who have not yet received a high school diploma or equivalent but are eligible for 11th or 12th grade. The CHS programs are defined in contract between a high school and a college or university. The CHS program contracts must, among other things, define the criteria for a student's eligibility for the program, specify whether the student or the high school pays for tuition fees, state that students who successfully complete a CHS program course receive both high school credit and college credit, and provide general information about the CHS program to students in grades 10 through 12. In the 2011-12 school year, 112 schools and 12,742 students participated in the CHS programs.

Summary of Bill:

High school students in the 10th grade, and students who have not yet received a high school diploma or equivalent but are eligible for 10th grade, are added to the list of students who are eligible for the CHS programs.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.