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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding participation in the college in the  
2 high 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.  
11 The rules shall be written to encourage the maximum use of the  
12 program and 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  
17 and 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  
10 section must be maintained by the institution of higher education  
11 separately from other enrollment information and may not be included  
12 in official enrollment reports, nor may such persons be considered in  
13 any enrollment statistics that would affect higher education  
14 budgetary 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  
17 the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school  
18 district, the school district superintendent shall determine how many  
19 credits to award for the course. The determination shall be made in  
20 writing before the student enrolls in the course. The credits shall  
21 be applied toward graduation requirements and subject area  
22 requirements. Evidence of successful completion of each program  
23 course shall be included in the student's secondary school records  
24 and transcript.

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

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

39 (h) Participating school districts must provide general  
40 information about the college in the high school program to all

1 students in grades ten, eleven, and twelve and to the parents and  
2 guardians of those students.

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

6 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
7 section.

8 (a) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning in RCW  
9 28B.10.016 and also includes a public tribal college located in  
10 Washington and accredited by the Northwest commission on colleges and  
11 universities or another accrediting association recognized by the  
12 United States department of education.

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

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