

**2SHB 1973** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

**ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 4/15/19**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.76  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature recognizes that dual credit programs reduce  
6 both the cost and time of attendance to obtain a postsecondary  
7 degree. The legislature intends to reduce barriers and increase  
8 access to postsecondary educational opportunities for low-income  
9 students by removing the financial barriers for dual enrollment  
10 programs for students.

11 (2) The office, in consultation with the institutions of higher  
12 education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
13 shall create the Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot  
14 program. The office shall administer the Washington dual enrollment  
15 scholarship pilot program and may adopt rules as necessary.

16 (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following  
17 requirements:

18 (a) Qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program;

19 (b) Are enrolled in one or more dual credit programs, as defined  
20 in RCW 28B.15.821, such as college in the high school and running  
21 start; and

22 (c) Have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

23 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
24 specific purpose, beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the  
25 office may award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship  
26 award must be as follows:

27 (a) For eligible students enrolled in running start:

28 (i) Mandatory fees, as defined in RCW 28A.600.310(2), prorated  
29 based on credit load;

30 (ii) Course fees or laboratory fees as determined appropriate by  
31 college or university policies to pay for specified course related  
32 costs; and

1 (iii) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of higher  
2 education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every credit  
3 per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive a  
4 textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen credits  
5 per quarter, or the equivalent, per year.

6 (b) An eligible student enrolled in a college in the high school  
7 program may receive a scholarship for tuition fees as set forth under  
8 RCW 28A.600.290(5)(a).

9 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must  
10 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW  
11 28A.600.310 and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290 are provided for.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 2015 c 202 s 4 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (1)(a) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have  
15 not yet received the credits required for the award of a high school  
16 diploma and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may  
17 apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in  
18 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.

19 (b) The course sections and programs offered as running start  
20 courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students  
21 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a  
22 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high  
23 school campus.

24 (c) A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a  
25 public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses  
26 or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be  
27 counted by the school district in any required state or federal  
28 accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed  
29 a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the  
30 student received home-based instruction during the school year before  
31 the school year in which the student intends to participate in  
32 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.  
33 Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW  
34 and students attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195  
35 RCW shall not be required to meet the student learning goals, obtain  
36 a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual  
37 achievement to graduate from high school, or to master the essential  
38 academic learning requirements. However, students are eligible to  
39 enroll in courses or programs in participating universities only if

1 the board of directors of the student's school district has decided  
2 to participate in the program. Participating institutions of higher  
3 education, in consultation with school districts, may establish  
4 admission standards for these students. If the institution of higher  
5 education accepts a secondary school pupil for enrollment under this  
6 section, the institution of higher education shall send written  
7 notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district within ten days  
8 of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of  
9 enrollment for that pupil.

10 (2) (a) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020  
11 and 28B.15.041:

12 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or  
13 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each  
14 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for  
15 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to ten  
16 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
17 28B.15.041; and

18 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a  
19 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up  
20 to ten percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
21 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

22 (b) The fees charged under this subsection (2) shall be prorated  
23 based on credit load.

24 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection with advanced  
25 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the  
26 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter  
27 28B.95 RCW.

28 (3) (a) The institutions of higher education must make available  
29 fee waivers for low-income running start students. (~~Each institution~~  
30 ~~must establish a written policy for the determination of low-income~~  
31 ~~students before offering the fee waiver.)) A student shall be  
32 considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver upon proof that  
33 the student is currently qualified to receive free or reduced-price  
34 lunch. Acceptable documentation of low-income status may also  
35 include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student has been  
36 deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the last five  
37 years, or other criteria established in the institution's policy.~~

38 (b) (i) By the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, school  
39 districts, upon knowledge of a low-income student's enrollment in  
40 running start, must provide documentation of the student's low-income

1 status, under (a) of this subsection, directly to institutions of  
2 higher education.

3 (ii) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
4 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public  
5 instruction, in consultation with the Washington student achievement  
6 council, shall develop a centralized process for school districts to  
7 provide students' low-income status to institutions of higher  
8 education to meet the requirements of (b) (i) of this subsection.

9 (c) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration with  
10 relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who can  
11 benefit from fee waivers take advantage of these waivers.  
12 Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and  
13 their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to  
14 students and their families on how to apply. Information about  
15 waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into  
16 financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual  
17 billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent  
18 possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited  
19 to web sites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms,  
20 mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure  
21 that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches  
22 the maximum number of students and families that can benefit.

23 (4) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the institution  
24 of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college  
25 student at statewide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational  
26 students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately  
27 calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under  
28 RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of making such  
29 payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to  
30 offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall  
31 be based upon the estimated statewide annual average per full-time  
32 equivalent high school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260,  
33 excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules  
34 adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public  
35 instruction, participating institutions of higher education, and the  
36 state board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the  
37 calculation and distribution of the funds. The funds received by the  
38 institution of higher education from the school district shall not be  
39 deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the  
40 institution of higher education. A student enrolled under this

1 subsection shall be counted for the purpose of meeting enrollment  
2 targets in accordance with terms and conditions specified in the  
3 omnibus appropriations act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program is  
7 terminated July 1, 2025, as provided in section 4 of this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter  
11 amended, are each repealed, effective July 1, 2026:

12 Section 1 of this act."

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13 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
14 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.600.310; adding a  
15 new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter  
16 43.131 RCW."

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