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By Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

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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; and

30 (ii) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of higher
31 education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every credit
32 per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive a

1 textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen credits
2 per quarter, or the equivalent, per year.

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

6 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must
7 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW
8 28A.600.310 and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290 are provided for.

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

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

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

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

1 admission standards for these students. If the institution of higher
2 education accepts a secondary school pupil for enrollment under this
3 section, the institution of higher education shall send written
4 notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district within ten days
5 of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of
6 enrollment for that pupil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (b) (i) By the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, school
36 districts, upon knowledge of a low-income student's enrollment in
37 running start, must provide documentation of the student's low-income
38 status, under (a) of this subsection, directly to institutions of
39 higher education.

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

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

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

1 targets in accordance with terms and conditions specified in the
2 omnibus appropriations act.

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

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

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

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

11 Section 1 of this act."

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

EFFECT: Requires school districts, by the beginning of the
2020-21 school year, to provide documentation of Running Start
students' low-income status to higher education institutions in which
the students are enrolled. Directs the Office of the Superintendent
of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Washington Student
Achievement Council, to develop a centralized process for school
districts to meet this requirement, subject to state funding.

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