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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington dual enrollment
2 scholarship pilot program; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50
3 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 43.131 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
6 RCW to read as follows:

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

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

19 (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following
20 requirements:

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

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

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

5 (4) Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the college board
6 shall award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship award
7 must be as follows:

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

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

11 (ii) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of higher
12 education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every credit
13 per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive a
14 textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen credits
15 per quarter, or the equivalent, per year.

16 (b) An eligible student enrolled in a college in the high school
17 program shall receive a scholarship for tuition fees as set forth
18 under RCW 28A.600.290(5)(a), prorated based on credit load.

19 (5) The legislature shall appropriate funding for the Washington
20 dual enrollment scholarship pilot program. Allocations must be made
21 on the basis of estimated eligible students enrolled in dual
22 enrollment programs. All eligible students are entitled to a
23 Washington dual enrollment scholarship.

24 (6) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must
25 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW
26 28A.600.310 and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290 are provided for.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program is
30 terminated July 1, 2025, as provided in section 3 of this act.

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

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

35 Section 1 of this act.

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