
SENATE BILL 6374

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1 AN ACT Relating to apprenticeship materials for dual credit
2 scholarship programs; and amending RCW 28B.76.730.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.730 and 2019 c 176 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

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

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

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

19 (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) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the
7 office may award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship
8 award must be as follows:

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

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

12 (ii) Course fees or laboratory fees as determined appropriate by
13 college or university policies to pay for specified course related
14 costs; ~~((and))~~

15 (iii) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of higher
16 education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every credit
17 per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive a
18 textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen credits
19 per quarter, or the equivalent, per year; and

20 (iv) Apprenticeship materials as determined appropriate by the
21 college or university to pay for specific course-related material
22 costs, which may include occupation-specific tools, work clothes,
23 rain gear, or boots.

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

27 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must
28 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW
29 28A.600.310 and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290 are provided for.

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