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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding access to dual credit programs;
2 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.600.310; adding new sections to
3 chapter 28A.600 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW
4 28A.630.600.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) At the beginning of each school term, each public school that
9 serves students in any of grades nine through 12 must provide all
10 students and their parents or legal guardians with: Information about
11 each available dual credit program and any financial assistance
12 available to reduce dual credit course costs for students and their
13 families, including fee waivers for running start program courses
14 under RCW 28A.600.310. The information must be provided via email and
15 other communication methods, and, to the extent feasible, must be
16 translated into the primary language of each parent or legal
17 guardian.

18 (2) A public school may consolidate the notification required
19 under subsection (1) of this section with the notifications required
20 under RCW 28A.320.195, 28A.600.287, and 28A.600.320.

1 (3) As used in this section, "public school" has the same meaning
2 as in RCW 28A.150.010.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Students participating in running start programs may be
6 funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.6 full-time
7 equivalents, including school district and institution of higher
8 education enrollment.

9 (2) In calculating the combined full-time equivalents, the office
10 of the superintendent of public instruction:

11 (a) Must adopt rules to fund the participating student's
12 enrollment in running start courses provided by the institution of
13 higher education during the summer academic term; and

14 (b) May average the participating student's September through
15 June enrollment to account for differences in the start and end dates
16 for courses provided by the high school and the institution of higher
17 education.

18 (3) Running start programs as a service delivery model,
19 associated funding levels beyond 1.0 full-time equivalent per
20 student, and funding for high school graduates enrolled in running
21 start courses under RCW 28A.600.310(1)(b), are not part of the
22 state's statutory program of basic education under chapter 28A.150
23 RCW.

24 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
25 consultation with the state board for community and technical
26 colleges, the participating institutions of higher education, the
27 student achievement council, and the education data center, must
28 annually track, and report to the fiscal committees of the
29 legislature, the combined full-time equivalent experience of students
30 participating in running start programs, including course load
31 analyses and enrollments by high school and participating
32 institutions of higher education.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 2019 c 252 s 115 and 2019 c 176 s 2
34 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

35 (1) Student eligibility for the running start program is provided
36 in this subsection (1).

37 (a) Eleventh and (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade students or students who
38 have not yet received the credits required for the award of a high

1 school diploma and are eligible to be in the (~~eleventh~~) 11th or
2 (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade(~~s~~) may apply to a participating institution
3 of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the
4 institution of higher education.

5 (b) (~~The course sections and programs offered as running start~~
6 ~~courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students~~
7 ~~at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a~~
8 ~~course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high~~
9 ~~school campus~~) High school graduates who have 15 or fewer college
10 credits to earn before meeting associate degree requirements may
11 continue participation in the running start program and earn up to 15
12 college credits during the summer academic term following their high
13 school graduation.

14 (c) A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a
15 public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses
16 or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be
17 counted by the school district in any required state or federal
18 accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed
19 a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the
20 student received home-based instruction during the school year before
21 the school year in which the student intends to participate in
22 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.
23 Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW
24 and students attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195
25 RCW shall not be required to meet the student learning goals or to
26 learn the state learning standards. (~~However, students are eligible~~
27 ~~to~~)

28 (2) Students may enroll in courses or programs in participating
29 (~~universities~~) institutions of higher education only if the board
30 of directors of the student's school district has decided to
31 participate in the running start program. Participating institutions
32 of higher education, in consultation with school districts, may
33 establish admission standards for these students. If the institution
34 of higher education accepts a secondary school (~~pupil~~) student for
35 enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education
36 shall send written notice to the (~~pupil~~) student and the
37 (~~pupil's~~) student's school district within (~~ten~~) 10 days of
38 acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of
39 enrollment for that (~~pupil~~) student.

1 ~~((2))~~ (3) The course sections and programs offered as running
2 start courses must be open for registration to matriculated students
3 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a
4 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high
5 school campus.

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

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

14 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a
15 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up
16 to ~~((ten))~~ 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW
17 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

18 (b) The fees charged under this subsection ~~((2))~~ (4) shall be
19 prorated based on credit load.

20 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection (4) with advanced
21 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the
22 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter
23 28B.95 RCW.

24 ~~((3))~~ (5)(a) The institutions of higher education must make
25 available fee waivers for low-income running start students. A
26 student shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver
27 upon proof that the student is currently qualified to receive free or
28 reduced-price lunch. Acceptable documentation of low-income status
29 may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student
30 has been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the
31 last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's
32 policy.

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

38 (ii) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
39 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
40 instruction, in consultation with the Washington student achievement

1 council, shall develop a centralized process for school districts to
2 provide students' low-income status to institutions of higher
3 education to meet the requirements of (b)(i) of this subsection.

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

18 ~~((4))~~ (6) The ~~((pupil's))~~ student's school district shall
19 transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each
20 full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for
21 vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public
22 instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys
23 appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260, and
24 equivalent amounts for high school graduates enrolled in running
25 start courses under subsection (1)(b) of this section, to school
26 districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting
27 school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related
28 costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the
29 estimated statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high
30 school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small
31 high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter
32 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating
33 institutions of higher education, and the state board for community
34 and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and
35 distribution of the funds. The funds received by the institution of
36 higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition
37 or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher
38 education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall be counted
39 for the purpose of meeting enrollment targets in accordance with
40 terms and conditions specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.630.600 (Running start summer
2 school pilot program) and 2020 c 348 s 2 are each repealed.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If specific funding for the purposes of
4 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
5 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
6 act is null and void.

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