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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature believes it is in the  
4 best interest of the state to create opportunities to help ease  
5 students into running start prior to their 11th grade academic year.  
6 Affirming the opportunity for running start during the summer term  
7 following the 10th grade academic year will improve access to higher  
8 education opportunities and increase the likelihood of postsecondary  
9 degree attainment.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 2023 c 350 s 2 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Every school district must allow eligible students as  
13 described in subsection (2) of this section to participate in the  
14 running start program.

15 (2) (~~Student~~) In addition to the eligibility provided for in  
16 subsection (6) of this section, student eligibility for the running  
17 start program is as follows: Eleventh and 12th grade students or  
18 students who have not yet received the credits required for the award  
19 of a high school diploma and are eligible to be in the 11th or 12th  
20 grade, including students receiving home-based instruction under  
21 chapter 28A.200 RCW and students attending private schools approved  
22 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, may apply to a participating institution  
23 of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the  
24 institution of higher education.

25 (3) Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter  
26 28A.200 RCW enrolling in a public high school for the sole purpose of  
27 participating in courses or programs offered by institutions of  
28 higher education shall not be counted by the school district in any  
29 required state or federal accountability reporting if the student's  
30 parents or guardians filed a declaration of intent to provide home-  
31 based instruction and the student received home-based instruction  
32 during the school year before the school year in which the student

1 intends to participate in courses or programs offered by the  
2 institution of higher education.

3 (4) Participating institutions of higher education, in  
4 consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards  
5 for eligible students. If the institution of higher education accepts  
6 a secondary school student for enrollment under this section, the  
7 institution of higher education shall send written notice to the  
8 student and the student's school district within 10 days of  
9 acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of  
10 enrollment for that student.

11 (5) The course sections and programs offered as running start  
12 courses must be open for registration to matriculated students at the  
13 participating institution of higher education and may not be a course  
14 consisting solely of high school students offered at a high school  
15 campus.

16 (6) Rising 11th grade students, defined as students who have  
17 completed their 10th grade year and not yet begun their 11th grade  
18 year, may enroll for up to 10 quarter credits, or the semester  
19 equivalent, during the summer academic term.

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

22 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or  
23 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each  
24 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for  
25 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to 10  
26 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
27 28B.15.041; and

28 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a  
29 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up  
30 to 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
31 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

32 (b) The fees charged under this subsection (~~((+6))~~) (7) shall be  
33 prorated based on credit load.

34 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection (~~((+6))~~) (7) with  
35 advanced college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set  
36 by the advanced college tuition payment program governing body under  
37 chapter 28B.95 RCW.

38 (~~((+7))~~) (8)(a) The institutions of higher education must make  
39 available fee waivers for low-income running start students. A  
40 student shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver

1 upon proof that the student meets federal eligibility requirements  
2 for free or reduced-price school meals. Acceptable documentation of  
3 low-income status may also include, but is not limited to,  
4 documentation that a student has been deemed eligible for free or  
5 reduced-price lunches in the last five years, or other criteria  
6 established in the institution's policy.

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

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

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

32 ~~((+8))~~ (9) The student's school district shall transmit to the  
33 institution of higher education an amount per each full-time  
34 equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for vocational  
35 and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public instruction  
36 shall separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic  
37 education under RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of  
38 making such payments and for granting school districts seven percent  
39 thereof to offset program related costs. The calculations and  
40 allocations shall be based upon the estimated statewide annual

1 average per full-time equivalent high school student allocations  
2 under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small high school enhancements, and  
3 applicable rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent  
4 of public instruction, participating institutions of higher  
5 education, and the state board for community and technical colleges  
6 shall consult on the calculation and distribution of the funds. The  
7 funds received by the institution of higher education from the school  
8 district shall not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be  
9 retained by the institution of higher education. A student enrolled  
10 under this subsection shall be counted for the purpose of meeting  
11 enrollment targets in accordance with terms and conditions specified  
12 in the omnibus appropriations act.

13 ((+9)) (10) This section governs school operation and management  
14 under RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools  
15 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education  
16 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same  
17 extent as it applies to school districts.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.600.320 and 2009 c 524 s 4 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 A school district shall provide general information about the  
21 program to all pupils in grades ~~((ten))~~ 10, ~~((eleven))~~ 11, and  
22 ~~((twelve))~~ 12 and the parents and guardians of those pupils,  
23 including information about the opportunity to enroll in the program  
24 through online courses available at community and technical colleges  
25 and other state institutions of higher education, enrollment  
26 opportunities during the summer academic term, and including the  
27 college high school diploma options under RCW 28B.50.535. To assist  
28 the district in planning, a pupil shall inform the district of the  
29 pupil's intent to enroll in courses at an institution of higher  
30 education for credit. Students are responsible for applying for  
31 admission to the institution of higher education."

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32 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the  
33 remainder of the title and insert "summer running start for rising

1 juniors; amending RCW 28A.600.310 and 28A.600.320; and creating a new  
2 section."

EFFECT: (1) Specifies that rising 11th graders are eligible for up to 10 running start credits during the summer term. Rising 11th graders are defined as students who have completed their 10th grade year and not yet begun their 11th grade year.

(2) Modifies the title to be "An act relating to summer running start for rising juniors."

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