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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a summer running start for the  
2 trades grant program; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW;  
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
8 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public  
9 instruction must establish a summer running start for the trades  
10 grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to offer state-  
11 recognized apprenticeship preparation program opportunities during  
12 the summer months for students to learn skills and gain experience  
13 using hand tools and power tools.

14 (2) In implementing the grant program, the office of the  
15 superintendent of public instruction must contract with an  
16 organization that will offer state-recognized apprenticeship  
17 preparation program opportunities to at least two cohorts of students  
18 each year during the summer months. The state-recognized  
19 apprenticeship preparation programs must consist of 280 hours of  
20 training during the summer including, but not limited to:

21 (a) Participation in jobsite tours;

1 (b) Meeting with industry professionals who specialize in state-  
2 registered apprenticeship opportunities and professional development  
3 opportunities;

4 (c) Earning industry certifications;

5 (d) Learning trades math;

6 (e) Using power and hand tools; and

7 (f) Completing small build projects.

8 (3) The organization must provide direct or preferred entry into  
9 state-registered apprenticeship programs in the construction  
10 industries for students who complete the program requirements.

11 (4) The organization must provide stipends to students  
12 participating in a state-recognized apprenticeship preparation  
13 program during the summer months.

14 (5) Grants awarded under this section must be for an organization  
15 with demonstrated experience offering state-recognized apprenticeship  
16 preparation program opportunities to cohorts of students in south  
17 King county during the summer months. The organization must have  
18 experience partnering with local school districts, higher education  
19 institutions, labor and union partners, and local contractor partners  
20 while providing the state-recognized apprenticeship preparation  
21 program opportunities.

22 (6) By December 1, 2028, the office of the superintendent of  
23 public instruction must report findings and recommendations for the  
24 grant program, including an assessment of whether the grant program  
25 increased entries into state-registered apprenticeship programs in  
26 the construction industries and should be expanded. The report  
27 required by this subsection must be submitted to the education  
28 committees of the house of representatives and the senate in  
29 accordance with RCW 43.01.036.

30 (7) This section expires June 30, 2029.

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