
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5358

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Chapman, Christian, Cortes, Liiias, MacEwen, Nobles, Salomon, Wellman, and C. Wilson; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

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1 AN ACT Relating to career and technical education in sixth grade;
2 amending RCW 28A.150.265; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.700
3 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 28A.700
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A school district may allow sixth grade students in middle school
8 to enroll in exploratory career and technical education courses, but
9 may not include such students in career and technical education
10 enrollment counts for purposes of calculating allocations under RCW
11 28A.150.260 (4) (c) or (9).

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.265 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13 s 409 are each
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (1) To the extent that career and technical education funding
15 allocations under RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(c) and (9) exceed general
16 education funding allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, school districts
17 may use the difference only for the career and technical education
18 purposes, defined as follows:

19 (a) Staff salaries and benefits for career and technical
20 education program delivery;

1 (b) Materials, supplies, and operating costs;
2 (c) Smaller class sizes;
3 (d) Work-based learning programs such as internships and
4 preapprenticeship programs, including coordination tied to career and
5 technical education coursework;
6 (e) New high quality career and technical education and expanded
7 learning program development in high-demand fields;
8 (f) Certificated work-based learning coordinators and career
9 guidance advisors;
10 (g) School expenses associated with career and technical
11 education community partnerships with a career discovery focus
12 including research or evidence-based mentoring programs and expanded
13 learning opportunities in school, before or after school, and during
14 the summer, and career-focused education programs with private and
15 public K-12 schools and colleges, community-based organizations and
16 nonprofit organizations, industry partners, tribal governments, and
17 workforce development entities;
18 (h) Student fees for national and state industry-recognized
19 certifications; and
20 (i) Course equivalency development to integrate core learning
21 standards into career and technical education courses.
22 (2) A school district's maximum allowable indirect cost charges
23 for approved career and technical education programs funded by the
24 state may not exceed the lower of five percent or the cap established
25 in federal law for federal career and technical education funding
26 provided to school districts, as the federal law existed on September
27 1, 2017.
28 (3) The middle school and high school career and technical
29 education programs funded through RCW 28A.150.260(4)(c) must be
30 treated as a single program when accounting for and calculating
31 minimum expenditures, carryover amounts, and recovery amounts. This
32 treatment is exclusively for accounting purposes and must not result
33 in disparate program quality across grade levels.

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