
SENATE BILL 5719

State of Washington

67th Legislature

2022 Regular Session

By Senator Mullet

Prefiled 01/06/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to dual credit costs; reenacting and amending RCW
2 28A.600.310; adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; creating a
3 new section; and providing an effective 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.600
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 shall create and administer a grant program for the
10 purpose of providing funds to school districts, charter schools, and
11 state-tribal compact schools to cover a portion of the credit tuition
12 fee for college in the high school program courses under RCW
13 28A.600.287.

14 (2) School districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact
15 schools receiving funds under this grant program must cover the per
16 college credit tuition fee for a program course either at the full
17 per credit amount set under RCW 28A.600.287 or at the amount of \$35
18 per credit, whichever is lower.

19 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may
20 adopt rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

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

3 (1)(a) Eleventh and (~~twelfth~~) 12th grade students or students
4 who have not yet received the credits required for the award of a
5 high school diploma and are eligible to be in the (~~eleventh~~) 11th
6 or (~~twelfth~~) 12th grades may apply to a participating institution
7 of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the
8 institution of higher education.

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

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

37 (2)(~~(a)~~) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW
38 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041(~~(b)~~

39 ~~(i) Running start students shall pay to the community or~~
40 ~~technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each~~

1 ~~community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for~~
2 ~~community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to ten~~
3 ~~percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and~~
4 ~~28B.15.041; and~~

5 ~~(ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a~~
6 ~~running start program may charge running start students a fee of up~~
7 ~~to ten percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and~~
8 ~~28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.~~

9 ~~(b) The fees charged under this subsection (2) shall be prorated~~
10 ~~based on credit load.~~

11 ~~(c) Students may pay fees under this subsection with advanced~~
12 ~~college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the~~
13 ~~advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter~~
14 ~~28B.95 RCW), institutions of higher education may charge running~~
15 ~~start students reasonable fees for textbook costs.~~

16 (3) (a) The institutions of higher education must make available
17 textbook fee waivers for low-income running start students. A student
18 shall be considered low income and eligible for a textbook fee waiver
19 upon proof that the student is currently qualified to receive free or
20 reduced-price lunch. Acceptable documentation of low-income status
21 may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student
22 has been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the
23 last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's
24 policy.

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

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

36 (c) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration with
37 relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who can
38 benefit from textbook fee waivers take advantage of these waivers.
39 Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and
40 their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to

1 students and their families on how to apply. Information about
2 waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into
3 financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual
4 billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent
5 possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited
6 to websites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms,
7 mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure
8 that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches
9 the maximum number of students and families that can benefit.

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

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
32 section 2 of this act, referencing section 2 of this act by bill or
33 chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2022,
34 in the omnibus appropriations act, section 2 of this act is null and
35 void.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

--- END ---