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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1973**

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Pollet, Bergquist, Sells, and Riccelli)

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1            AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington dual enrollment  
2 scholarship pilot program; amending RCW 28A.600.310; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 28B.76 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter  
4 43.131 RCW.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.76  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8            (1) The legislature recognizes that dual credit programs reduce  
9 both the cost and time of attendance to obtain a postsecondary  
10 degree. The legislature intends to reduce barriers and increase  
11 access to postsecondary educational opportunities for low-income  
12 students by removing the financial barriers for dual enrollment  
13 programs for students.

14            (2) The office, in consultation with the institutions of higher  
15 education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
16 shall create the Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot  
17 program. The office shall administer the Washington dual enrollment  
18 scholarship pilot program and may adopt rules as necessary.

19            (3) Eligible students are those who meet the following  
20 requirements:

21            (a) Qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program;

1 (b) Are enrolled in one or more dual credit programs, as defined  
2 in RCW 28B.15.821, such as college in the high school and running  
3 start; and

4 (c) Have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

5 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
6 specific purpose, beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the  
7 office may award scholarships to eligible students. The scholarship  
8 award must be as follows:

9 (a) For eligible students enrolled in running start:

10 (i) Mandatory fees, as defined in RCW 28A.600.310(2), prorated  
11 based on credit load;

12 (ii) Course fees or laboratory fees as determined appropriate by  
13 college or university policies to pay for specified course related  
14 costs; and

15 (iii) A textbook voucher to be used at the institution of higher  
16 education's bookstore where the student is enrolled. For every credit  
17 per quarter the student is enrolled, the student shall receive a  
18 textbook voucher for ten dollars, up to a maximum of fifteen credits  
19 per quarter, or the equivalent, per year.

20 (b) An eligible student enrolled in a college in the high school  
21 program may receive a scholarship for tuition fees as set forth under  
22 RCW 28A.600.290(5)(a).

23 (5) The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program must  
24 apply after the fee waivers for low-income students under RCW  
25 28A.600.310 and subsidies under RCW 28A.600.290 are provided for.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 2015 c 202 s 4 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1)(a) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have  
29 not yet received the credits required for the award of a high school  
30 diploma and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may  
31 apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in  
32 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.

33 (b) The course sections and programs offered as running start  
34 courses must also be open for registration to matriculated students  
35 at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a  
36 course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high  
37 school campus.

38 (c) A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a  
39 public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses

1 or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be  
2 counted by the school district in any required state or federal  
3 accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed  
4 a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the  
5 student received home-based instruction during the school year before  
6 the school year in which the student intends to participate in  
7 courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.  
8 Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW  
9 and students attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195  
10 RCW shall not be required to meet the student learning goals, obtain  
11 a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual  
12 achievement to graduate from high school, or to master the essential  
13 academic learning requirements. However, students are eligible to  
14 enroll in courses or programs in participating universities only if  
15 the board of directors of the student's school district has decided  
16 to participate in the program. Participating institutions of higher  
17 education, in consultation with school districts, may establish  
18 admission standards for these students. If the institution of higher  
19 education accepts a secondary school pupil for enrollment under this  
20 section, the institution of higher education shall send written  
21 notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district within ten days  
22 of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of  
23 enrollment for that pupil.

24 (2) (a) In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020  
25 and 28B.15.041:

26 (i) Running start students shall pay to the community or  
27 technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each  
28 community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for  
29 community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to ten  
30 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
31 28B.15.041; and

32 (ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a  
33 running start program may charge running start students a fee of up  
34 to ten percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and  
35 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

36 (b) The fees charged under this subsection (2) shall be prorated  
37 based on credit load.

38 (c) Students may pay fees under this subsection with advanced  
39 college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the

1 advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter  
2 28B.95 RCW.

3 (3) (a) The institutions of higher education must make available  
4 fee waivers for low-income running start students. (~~Each institution~~  
5 ~~must establish a written policy for the determination of low-income~~  
6 ~~students before offering the fee waiver.~~) A student shall be  
7 considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver upon proof that  
8 the student is currently qualified to receive free or reduced-price  
9 lunch. Acceptable documentation of low-income status may also  
10 include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student has been  
11 deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the last five  
12 years, or other criteria established in the institution's policy.

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

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

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

38 (4) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the institution  
39 of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college  
40 student at statewide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational

1 students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately  
2 calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under  
3 RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of making such  
4 payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to  
5 offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall  
6 be based upon the estimated statewide annual average per full-time  
7 equivalent high school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260,  
8 excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules  
9 adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public  
10 instruction, participating institutions of higher education, and the  
11 state board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the  
12 calculation and distribution of the funds. The funds received by the  
13 institution of higher education from the school district shall not be  
14 deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the  
15 institution of higher education. A student enrolled under this  
16 subsection shall be counted for the purpose of meeting enrollment  
17 targets in accordance with terms and conditions specified in the  
18 omnibus appropriations act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 The Washington dual enrollment scholarship pilot program is  
22 terminated July 1, 2025, as provided in section 4 of this act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter  
26 amended, are each repealed, effective July 1, 2026:

27 Section 1 of this act.

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