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By House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Reykdal, Santos, Goodman, Upthegrove, Maxwell, Sequist, Freeman, Bergquist, Lytton, Ryu, Kagi, Tarleton, Jinkins, Fey, and Pollet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing enrollment of underrepresented
2 students in running start through a middle school, high school, and
3 running start college partnership pilot project; adding a new section
4 to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
5 expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that low-income
8 students and students of color often do not have access to dual-credit
9 programs that allow students to earn both high school and college
10 credits. Low-income students and students of color are
11 underrepresented in running start. Running start provides a cost-
12 effective way for high school students to obtain college credits. It
13 also accelerates their progress through the education system. Because
14 low-income students and students of color are underrepresented in
15 running start, they are unable to take advantage of its benefits.
16 Therefore, a pilot project is necessary to improve enrollment among
17 those populations and to ensure that running start is accessible to all
18 students.

1 The purpose of this pilot project is to provide coordination
2 between middle schools, high schools, and running start college
3 programs to help address the existing opportunity gap.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The increasing enrollment of underrepresented students in the
7 running start pilot project shall be facilitated by the office of the
8 superintendent of public instruction and involve close collaboration
9 and coordination between the participating institutions of higher
10 education as defined in RCW 28A.600.300 that have over fifty students
11 participating in the running start program and school districts with
12 students participating in that program. School districts of the second
13 class and nonhigh districts are not required to participate. School
14 districts must meet with participating institutions of higher education
15 located within their district and identify a plan for increasing
16 enrollment of underrepresented students in the running start program.
17 These meetings may include more than one school district or
18 participating institution of higher education. A plan identified by
19 each school district and partnering running start institution must be
20 provided to the office of the superintendent of public instruction by
21 August 1, 2014. The plan must include a focus on:

22 (a) Identifying and implementing strategies to provide outreach
23 regarding the running start program to underrepresented populations at
24 middle schools and high schools to ensure that students and families
25 have information on the program. These strategies should include
26 outreach efforts conducted by students from underrepresented
27 populations, representatives from participating institutions of higher
28 education visiting local high schools, and school districts providing
29 explicit information sessions regarding running start;

30 (b) Ensuring better coordination between middle schools, high
31 schools, and participating institutions of higher education to provide
32 academic guidance to students who have been underrepresented in the
33 running start program so that these students are better able to
34 participate in that program.

35 (2) By December 1, 2014, the office of the superintendent of public
36 instruction must provide to appropriate committees of the legislature
37 guidelines for improving outreach to students who have been

1 underrepresented in the running start program and collaboration among
2 middle schools, high schools, and participating institutions of higher
3 education based on the plans that were reported by school districts and
4 participating institutions of higher education.

5 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
6 collect current demographic data from each school district related to
7 student participation in running start. This data shall be compared
8 with data collected after two years of collaboration as described in
9 subsection (1) of this section, and submitted to appropriate committees
10 of the legislature by December 1, 2016.

11 (4) This section expires August 1, 2017.

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