

ESHB 2311 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. (1)(a) According to the
4 Washington interscholastic activities association, interscholastic
5 athletics and activities are a vital part of enriching students'
6 educational experiences and developing students into responsible
7 adults. The legislature finds that research compiled by the
8 association demonstrates that students who participate in
9 extracurricular activities have:

10 (i) Better grades and higher standardized test scores;

11 (ii) Increased school attendance; and

12 (iii) Improved health and wellness.

13 (b) In addition, the legislature finds that this research shows
14 that participation in extracurricular activities develops lifelong
15 skills and relationship building; has long-term economic benefits;
16 increases the odds of attending and graduating from college;
17 decreases the likelihood of juvenile crimes, drug, alcohol, and
18 cigarette use, and sexual activities; and positively enhances a
19 student's educational experience.

20 (2) Thus, the legislature intends to reduce barriers to
21 participation in extracurricular activities by:

22 (a) Capping fees for low-income students who participate in these
23 activities, including career and technical student organizations, and
24 sports and other activities governed by the Washington
25 interscholastic activities association;

26 (b) Requiring that the process for charging and collecting fees
27 be identical for all students; and

28 (c) Reducing the frequency of required physical examinations.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
30 RCW to read as follows:

1 FEE LIMITATIONS. (1)(a) The maximum fee charged to a public or
2 private high school student eligible to participate in the federal
3 free and reduced-price meals program for an associated student body
4 or other student identification card is five dollars per school year.

5 (b) The maximum fee charged to a public or private high school
6 student eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price
7 meals program to participate in an extracurricular activity is five
8 dollars per extracurricular activity per school year. This subsection
9 (1)(b) applies only to high school students who are enrolled in a
10 school district that is a member of the Washington interscholastic
11 activities association.

12 (c) The maximum fee charged to a public or private high school
13 student eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price
14 meals program to participate in career and technical student
15 organizations is five dollars per organization per year.

16 (2) The maximum fee limitations described in this section do not
17 apply to admission fees for events, such as competition events,
18 artistic exhibits or performances, or dances or other student
19 gatherings, nor for the purchase of clothing, supplies, gear, or
20 equipment required to participate in extracurricular activities or
21 career and technical student organizations.

22 (3) The process for charging and collecting fees from public and
23 private high school students eligible to participate in the federal
24 free and reduced-price meals program, as required by subsection (1)
25 of this section, must be identical to the process for charging and
26 collecting fees from other students.

27 (4) The legislature recommends, but does not require, that the
28 provisions of this section are made applicable to public and private
29 junior and middle schools.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 COMMUNICATING FEE LIMITS. School districts must widely,
33 effectively, and frequently communicate the fee limits on the
34 purchase of student identification cards, participation in
35 extracurricular activities, and participation in career and technical
36 student organizations for students eligible to participate in the
37 federal free and reduced-price meals program, described in section 2
38 of this act. Information about the fee limits must be included on the
39 high school's web site and the school district's web site,

1 registration forms related to school enrollment and participation in
2 extracurricular activities or career and technical student
3 organizations, annual information packets to students and families,
4 and newsletters.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 PROMOTING LIVELY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH (PLAY) GRANT PROGRAM.

8 (1)(a) The promoting lively activities for youth (PLAY) grant program
9 is created to subsidize small school districts unduly impacted by
10 section 2(1)(a) of this act, which limits the associated student body
11 or other student identification card fee charged to public high
12 school students eligible to participate in the federal free and
13 reduced-price meals program.

14 (b) The office of financial management must contract with the
15 Washington interscholastic activities association to administer the
16 program.

17 (2)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
18 this specific purpose and beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the
19 Washington interscholastic activities association must allocate, on a
20 first come basis, up to fifty thousand dollars per school year for
21 the purposes of the PLAY grant program.

22 (b) The Washington interscholastic activities association may not
23 retain any of the appropriated amounts for administrative purposes.

24 (3) To qualify for a PLAY grant, a school district must:

25 (a) Have fewer than two thousand students;

26 (b) Have fifty percent or more of their high school students
27 eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals
28 program; and

29 (c) Be impacted by the maximum student identification card fee
30 limitations described in section 2(1)(a) of this act.

31 (4) Applications for a PLAY grant must include the number and
32 overall percentage of high school students eligible to participate in
33 the federal free and reduced-price meals program who purchased a
34 student identification card in the prior school year, and an estimate
35 of the number of student identification card fees subject to the
36 maximum described in section 2(1)(a) of this act.

37 (5) The maximum grant award per school district is two thousand
38 dollars per year.

1 (6) By November 1, 2019, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
2 and by November 1st annually thereafter, the Washington
3 interscholastic activities association must report to the appropriate
4 policy and fiscal committees of the legislature the following data:
5 The number of applications, a summary of the information submitted
6 with applications as required under subsection (4) of this section,
7 and the number and amount of PLAY grants awarded.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.710
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 EXTRACURRICULAR FEE LIMITATIONS. Charter schools must comply with
11 the requirements of sections 2 and 3 of this act relating to fee
12 limits on the purchase of student identification cards, participation
13 in extracurricular activities, and participation in career and
14 technical student organizations for students eligible to participate
15 in the federal free and reduced-price meals program.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FREQUENCY. Students may not be required to
19 complete a physical examination to participate in extracurricular
20 activities more often than every twenty-four months, unless
21 recommended by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical
22 examination."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "activities;" strike the
24 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
25 28A.600 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a
26 new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
27 28A.710 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: (1) Removes the provisions of the bill that placed requirements on private schools.

(2) Requires that charter schools must comply with provisions on fee limitations for low-income students.

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