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1 AN ACT Relating to the learning assistance program; amending RCW
2 28A.165.070; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.165.070 and 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 520 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 Each school district which has established an approved program
7 shall be eligible, as determined by the superintendent of public
8 instruction, for state funds made available for the purposes of such
9 programs.

10 (1) For the (~~1993-94 and 1994-95~~) 1995-96 and 1996-97 school
11 years, the superintendent of public instruction shall distribute funds
12 appropriated for the learning assistance program in accordance with the
13 biennial appropriations act.

14 (2) For the (~~1995-96~~) 1997-98 school year and thereafter and
15 unless modified under subsection (4) of this section, the
16 superintendent of public instruction shall make use of data derived
17 from the basic skills tests in determining the amount of funds for
18 which a district may be eligible. Funds shall be distributed according
19 to the district's total full-time equivalent enrollment in kindergarten

1 through grade nine and the percentage of the district's students taking
2 the basic skills tests who scored in the lowest quartile as compared
3 with national norms. In making this calculation, the superintendent of
4 public instruction may use an average over the immediately preceding
5 five or fewer years of the district's percentage scoring in the lowest
6 quartile. The superintendent of public instruction shall also deduct
7 the number of students at these age levels who are identified as
8 specific learning disabled and are generating state funds for special
9 education programs conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.155.010 through
10 28A.155.100, in distributing state funds for learning assistance.

11 (3) The distribution formula in this section is for allocation
12 purposes only.

13 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall recommend to the
14 legislature a new allocation formula for use in the second year of the
15 1995-97 fiscal biennium that uses additional elements consistent with
16 performance-based education and the new assessment system developed by
17 the commission on student learning. (~~The superintendent may request~~
18 ~~a delay in development of the new allocation formula if the~~
19 ~~commission's assessment system is not available for use in the 1995-97~~
20 ~~biennium.)) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop the
21 recommendations for a new allocation formula not later than December 1,
22 1995, based on the initial development and implementation of the
23 assessment system by the commission on student learning for reading,
24 writing, communication, and mathematics.~~

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
28 effect immediately.

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