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1 AN ACT Relating to excess levies by school districts; and amending
2 RCW 84.52.0531.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 1990 c 33 s 601 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school
7 district for maintenance and operation support under the provisions of
8 RCW 84.52.053 shall be determined as follows:

9 (1) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1991, the
10 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and
11 rules in effect in November 1990.

12 (2) For the purpose of this section, the basic education allocation
13 shall be determined pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and
14 28A.150.350: PROVIDED, That when determining the basic education
15 allocation under subsection (4) of this section, nonresident full time

1 equivalent pupils who are participating in a program provided for in
2 chapter 28A.545 RCW or in any other program pursuant to an
3 interdistrict agreement shall be included in the enrollment of the
4 resident district and excluded from the enrollment of the serving
5 district.

6 ~~((2) For the purposes of subsection (5) of this section, a base~~
7 ~~year levy percentage shall be established. The base year levy~~
8 ~~percentage shall be equal to the greater of: (a) The district's actual~~
9 ~~levy percentage for calendar year 1985, (b) the average levy percentage~~
10 ~~for all school district levies in the state in calendar year 1985, or~~
11 ~~(c) the average levy percentage for all school district levies in the~~
12 ~~educational service district of the district in calendar year 1985.)~~

13 (3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year ~~((1988))~~ 1992
14 and thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the ~~((total of))~~ sum
15 of (a) and (b) of this subsection minus (c) of this subsection:

16 (a) The district's levy base as defined in subsection (4) of this
17 section multiplied by ~~((the district's maximum levy percentage as~~
18 ~~defined in subsections (5) and (6) of this section; plus))~~ thirty-three
19 and thirty-three hundredths percent;

20 (b) In the case of nonhigh school districts only, an amount equal
21 to the total estimated amount due by the nonhigh school district to
22 high school districts pursuant to chapter 28A.545 RCW for the school
23 year during which collection of the levy is to commence, less the
24 increase in the nonhigh school district's basic education allocation as
25 computed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section due to the
26 inclusion of pupils participating in a program provided for in chapter
27 28A.545 RCW in such computation; ~~((less))~~

28 (c) The maximum amount of state matching funds under RCW
29 28A.500.010 for which the district is eligible in that tax collection
30 year.

1 (4) For excess levies for collection in calendar year (~~(1988)~~) 1992
2 and thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of (~~the~~
3 ~~following allocations received by the district~~) selected state and
4 federal allocations for the prior school year, including allocations
5 for compensation increases, adjusted by the percent increase per full
6 time equivalent student in the state basic education appropriation
7 between the prior school year and the current school year(~~(÷)~~) . A
8 district's levy base shall not include local school district property
9 tax levies or other local revenues, or state and federal allocations
10 not identified in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

11 (a) The district's basic education allocation as determined
12 pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and 28A.150.350;

13 (b) State and federal categorical allocations for the following
14 programs:

15 (i) Pupil transportation;

16 (ii) Handicapped education;

17 (iii) Education of highly capable students;

18 (iv) Compensatory education, including but not limited to learning
19 assistance, migrant education, Indian education, refugee programs, and
20 bilingual education;

21 (v) Food services; and

22 (vi) State-wide block grant programs; and

23 (c) Any other federal allocations for elementary and secondary
24 school programs, including direct grants, other than federal impact aid
25 funds and allocations in lieu of taxes.

26 (5) (~~For levies to be collected in calendar year 1988, a~~
27 ~~district's maximum levy percentage shall be determined as follows:~~

28 ~~(a) Multiply the district's base year levy percentage as defined in~~
29 ~~subsection (2) of this section by the district's levy base as~~
30 ~~determined in subsection (4) of this section;~~

1 ~~(b) Reduce the amount in (a) of this subsection by the total~~
2 ~~estimated amount of any levy reduction funds as defined in subsection~~
3 ~~(7) of this section which are to be allocated to the district for the~~
4 ~~1987-88 school year;~~

5 ~~(c) Divide the amount in (b) of this subsection by the district's~~
6 ~~levy base to compute a new percentage; and~~

7 ~~(d) The percentage in (c) of this subsection or twenty percent,~~
8 ~~whichever is greater, shall be the district's maximum levy percentage~~
9 ~~for levies collected in calendar year 1988.~~

10 ~~(6) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1989 and~~
11 ~~thereafter, a district's maximum levy percentage shall be determined as~~
12 ~~follows:~~

13 ~~(a) Multiply the district's maximum levy percentage for the prior~~
14 ~~year or thirty percent, whichever is less, by the district's levy base~~
15 ~~as determined in subsection (4) of this section;~~

16 ~~(b) Reduce the amount in (a) of this subsection by the total~~
17 ~~estimated amount of any levy reduction funds as defined in subsection~~
18 ~~(7) of this section which are to be allocated to the district for the~~
19 ~~current school year;~~

20 ~~(c) Divide the amount in (b) of this subsection by the district's~~
21 ~~levy base to compute a new percentage; and~~

22 ~~(d) The percentage in (c) of this subsection or twenty percent,~~
23 ~~whichever is greater, shall be the district's maximum levy percentage~~
24 ~~for levies collected in that calendar year.~~

25 ~~(7) "Levy reduction funds" shall mean increases in state funds from~~
26 ~~the prior school year for programs included under subsection (4) of~~
27 ~~this section:—(a) That are not attributable to enrollment changes,~~
28 ~~compensation increases, or inflationary adjustments; and (b) that are~~
29 ~~or were specifically identified as levy reduction funds in the~~
30 ~~appropriations act. If levy reduction funds are dependent on formula~~

1 ~~factors which would not be finalized until after the start of the~~
2 ~~current school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall~~
3 ~~estimate the total amount of levy reduction funds by using prior school~~
4 ~~year data in place of current school year data. Levy reduction funds~~
5 ~~shall not include moneys received by school districts from cities or~~
6 ~~counties.~~

7 ~~(8))~~ For the purposes of this section, "prior school year" shall
8 mean the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which
9 the levies are to be collected.

10 ~~((9))~~ (6) For the purposes of this section, "current school year"
11 shall mean the year immediately following the prior school year.

12 ~~((10))~~ (7) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop
13 rules and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data
14 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.