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1 AN ACT Relating to minority assistance; adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.63A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.17 RCW; adding
3 a new section to chapter 28A.335 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 28B.10 RCW; and creating new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that African-Americans
7 make up a disproportionately high percentage of the population that
8 live in poverty, are involved in gangs or subject to the negative
9 consequences of gang activity, and are in the corrections system.
10 African-Americans make up a disproportionately small percentage of the
11 state's business owners and operators due, in part, to having unequal
12 opportunity to procure small business financing and to having
13 difficulty in securing bonds and contract work. The legislature finds
14 that the obstacles faced by African-Americans, caused by many factors,
15 including discrimination, are important public health, safety, and
16 welfare concerns to all the citizens of Washington state. Therefore,
17 the legislature intends to provide assistance to combat the gang
18 problem affecting the African-American community and to provide

1 economic opportunities as an alternative to gangs by providing
2 financing for African-American businesses.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature declares it to be the public policy of this
6 state that a portion of appropriations for capital expenditures be set
7 aside to assist the African-American community in fighting destructive
8 youth gangs by providing economic opportunities for African-Americans.

9 (2) There is hereby created the Washington state community
10 equalization program to be developed and administered by the
11 department. The program, using moneys from the Washington state
12 community equalization account, created in section 6 of this act,
13 shall:

14 (a) Provide funding to programs designed for and proving successful
15 at diverting at-risk youth from gang and drug activity; and

16 (b) Provide funding for the development or expansion of businesses
17 located in neighborhoods with high concentrations of people of African
18 descent.

19 The department shall divide the funds as equally as possible
20 between the purposes described in (a) and (b) of this subsection.

21 (3) The department shall give priority to applications from local
22 governments that develop programs designed to accomplish the objectives
23 of subsection (2) of this section. The department may appoint an
24 advisory committee to assist the department in carrying out its duties
25 under this section. The department may make rules necessary to carry
26 out the purposes of this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 All state agencies including state departments, boards, councils,
30 commissions, and quasi-public corporations shall allocate, as a
31 nondeductible item, out of moneys appropriated for the original
32 construction of a public building, an amount of three percent of the
33 appropriation to be deposited in the Washington state equalization
34 account created in section 6 of this act for the Washington state
35 equalization program created in section 2 of this act. For the purpose
36 of this section, the term "building" shall not include highway

1 construction sheds, warehouses, or other buildings of a temporary
2 nature.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.335
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The state board of education and the superintendent of public
6 instruction shall allocate, as a nondeductible item, out of the moneys
7 appropriated for state assistance to school districts for the original
8 construction of a school plant facility the amount of three percent of
9 the appropriation to be deposited in the Washington state equalization
10 account created in section 6 of this act for the Washington state
11 equalization program created in section 2 of this act. For the purpose
12 of this section, the term "building" shall not include highway
13 construction sheds, warehouses, or other buildings of a temporary
14 nature.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 All colleges and universities shall allocate, as a nondeductible
18 item, out of the moneys appropriated for state assistance for the
19 original construction or major remodeling of a building, the amount of
20 three percent of the appropriation to be deposited in the Washington
21 state equalization account created in section 6 of this act for the
22 Washington state equalization program created in section 2 of this act.
23 For the purpose of this section, the term "building" shall not include
24 highway construction sheds, warehouses, or other buildings of a
25 temporary nature.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 The Washington state community equalization account is created in
29 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from sections 3, 4,
30 and 5 of this act shall be deposited in the account. Expenditures from
31 the account may be used only for the purposes set out in section 2 of
32 this act. Only the director of the department of community development
33 or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.

1 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
2 but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

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