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1 AN ACT Relating to an annual cost-of-living allowance for state
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 28A.400 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
4 41.04 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.400
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1)(a) Beginning with the 1998-1999 school year, and for each
9 subsequent school year, the legislature shall fund, in an omnibus
10 appropriation bill under RCW 43.88.080, as a minimum increase, an
11 annual cost-of-living allowance for the salaries and salary-related
12 statutory benefits of all school district certificated and classified
13 staff.

14 (b) The annual cost-of-living allowance granted under (a) of this
15 subsection is a percentage increase of no less than the previous year's
16 percentage increase in the consumer price index, CPI-U, for Seattle as
17 published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor
18 statistics applied to that year's legislative evaluation and

1 accountability program (LEAP) document 12D salary. A decrease in the
2 consumer price index is not applied.

3 (c) The cost-of-living allowance for the 1998-99 school year is
4 applied to the 1997-98 school year's legislative evaluation and
5 accountability program (LEAP) document 12D salary.

6 (2) If for any reason an omnibus appropriation bill or supplemental
7 appropriation bill is not enacted, any annual cost-of-living allowance
8 not funded by the legislature shall be calculated and included in the
9 derived base salary for the purpose of calculating the annual increase
10 for inclusion in the next enacted omnibus appropriation bill.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1)(a) Beginning July 1, 1998, and for each subsequent year, the
14 legislature shall fund, in an omnibus appropriation bill under RCW
15 43.88.080, as a minimum increase, an annual cost-of-living allowance
16 for the salaries and salary-related statutory benefits of all faculty
17 at institutions of higher education.

18 (b) The annual cost-of-living allowance granted under (a) of this
19 subsection is a percentage increase of no less than the previous year's
20 percentage increase in the consumer price index, CPI-U, for Seattle as
21 published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor
22 statistics applied to that year's salary schedule as determined under
23 chapter 41.06 or 41.56 RCW. A decrease in the consumer price index is
24 not applied.

25 (c) The cost-of-living allowance for the year beginning July 1,
26 1998, is applied to the salary schedule in place on June 30, 1998.

27 (2) If for any reason an omnibus appropriation bill or supplemental
28 appropriation bill is not enacted, any annual cost-of-living allowance
29 not funded by the legislature shall be calculated and included in the
30 base salary for the purpose of calculating the annual increase for
31 inclusion in the next enacted omnibus appropriation bill.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1)(a) Beginning July 1, 1998, and for each subsequent year, the
35 legislature shall fund, in an omnibus appropriation bill under RCW
36 43.88.080, as a minimum increase, an annual cost-of-living allowance
37 for the salaries and salary-related statutory benefits of all state

1 employees, as follows: General government, legislative, judicial, and
2 classified employees; Washington management service employees, exempt
3 employees under the Washington personnel resources board; and employees
4 exempt from merit system rules whose salaries are not set by the
5 commission on salaries for elected officials.

6 (b) The annual cost-of-living allowance granted under (a) of this
7 subsection is a percentage increase of no less than the previous year's
8 percentage increase in the consumer price index, CPI-U, for Seattle as
9 published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor
10 statistics applied to that year's salary schedule as determined under
11 chapter 41.06 RCW. A decrease in the consumer price index is not
12 applied.

13 (c) The cost-of-living allowance for the year beginning July 1,
14 1998, is applied to the salary schedule in place on June 30, 1998.

15 (2) If for any reason an omnibus appropriation bill or supplemental
16 appropriation bill is not enacted, any annual cost-of-living allowance
17 not funded by the legislature shall be calculated and included in the
18 base salary for the purpose of calculating the annual increase for
19 inclusion in the next enacted omnibus appropriation bill.

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