

HOUSE BILL 2297

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1 AN ACT Relating to maximum levy amount calculations; amending 1999
2 c ... (ESSB 5180) s 502 (uncodified); providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 Sec. 1. 1999 c ... (ESSB 5180) s 502 (uncodified) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION--FOR GENERAL APPORTIONMENT
8 (BASIC EDUCATION)

9	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2000) . . . \$	3,545,737,000
10	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2001) . . . \$	3,551,100,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$	7,096,837,000

12 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
13 conditions and limitations:

14 (1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such funds
15 as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year
16 and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

17 (2) Allocations for certificated staff salaries for the 1999-00 and
18 2000-01 school years shall be determined using formula-generated staff
19 units calculated pursuant to this subsection. Staff allocations for

1 small school enrollments in (d) through (f) of this subsection shall be
2 reduced for vocational full-time equivalent enrollments. Staff
3 allocations for small school enrollments in grades K-6 shall be the
4 greater of that generated under (a) of this subsection, or under (d)
5 and (e) of this subsection. Certificated staffing allocations shall be
6 as follows:

7 (a) On the basis of each 1,000 average annual full-time equivalent
8 enrollments, excluding full-time equivalent enrollment otherwise
9 recognized for certificated staff unit allocations under (c) through
10 (f) of this subsection:

11 (i) Four certificated administrative staff units per thousand full-
12 time equivalent students in grades K-12;

13 (ii) 49 certificated instructional staff units per thousand full-
14 time equivalent students in grades K-3;

15 (iii) An additional 4.2 certificated instructional staff units for
16 grades K-3 and an additional 7.2 certificated instructional staff units
17 for grade 4. Any funds allocated for these additional certificated
18 units shall not be considered as basic education funding;

19 (A) Funds provided under this subsection (2)(a)(iii) in excess of
20 the amount required to maintain the statutory minimum ratio established
21 under RCW 28A.150.260(2)(b) shall be allocated only if the district
22 documents an actual ratio equal to or greater than 53.2 certificated
23 instructional staff per thousand full-time equivalent students in
24 grades K-4. For any school district documenting a lower certificated
25 instructional staff ratio, the allocation shall be based on the
26 district's actual grades K-4 certificated instructional staff ratio
27 achieved in that school year, or the statutory minimum ratio
28 established under RCW 28A.150.260(2)(b), if greater;

29 (B) Districts at or above 51.0 certificated instructional staff per
30 one thousand full-time equivalent students in grades K-4 may dedicate
31 up to 1.3 of the 53.2 funding ratio to employ additional classified
32 instructional assistants assigned to basic education classrooms in
33 grades K-4. For purposes of documenting a district's staff ratio under
34 this section, funds used by the district to employ additional
35 classified instructional assistants shall be converted to a
36 certificated staff equivalent and added to the district's actual
37 certificated instructional staff ratio. Additional classified
38 instructional assistants, for the purposes of this subsection, shall be
39 determined using the 1989-90 school year as the base year;

1 (C) Any district maintaining a ratio equal to or greater than 53.2
2 certificated instructional staff per thousand full-time equivalent
3 students in grades K-4 may use allocations generated under this
4 subsection (2)(a)(iii) in excess of that required to maintain the
5 minimum ratio established under RCW 28A.150.260(2)(b) to employ
6 additional basic education certificated instructional staff or
7 classified instructional assistants in grades 5-6. Funds allocated
8 under this subsection (2)(a)(iii) shall only be expended to reduce
9 class size in grades K-6. No more than 1.3 of the certificated
10 instructional funding ratio amount may be expended for provision of
11 classified instructional assistants; and

12 (iv) Forty-six certificated instructional staff units per thousand
13 full-time equivalent students in grades 4-12;

14 (b) For school districts with a minimum enrollment of 250 full-time
15 equivalent students whose full-time equivalent student enrollment count
16 in a given month exceeds the first of the month full-time equivalent
17 enrollment count by 5 percent, an additional state allocation of 110
18 percent of the share that such increased enrollment would have
19 generated had such additional full-time equivalent students been
20 included in the normal enrollment count for that particular month;

21 (c)(i) On the basis of full-time equivalent enrollment in:

22 (A) Vocational education programs approved by the superintendent of
23 public instruction, a maximum of 0.92 certificated instructional staff
24 units and 0.08 certificated administrative staff units for each 19.5
25 full-time equivalent vocational students for the 1999-00 school year
26 and the 2000-01 school year. Districts documenting staffing ratios of
27 less than 1 certificated staff per 19.5 students shall be allocated the
28 greater of the total ratio in subsections (2)(a)(i) and (iv) of this
29 section or the actual documented ratio; and

30 (B) Skills center programs meeting the standards for skill center
31 funding recommended by the superintendent of public instruction,
32 January 1999, 0.92 certificated instructional staff units and 0.08
33 certificated administrative units for each 16.67 full-time equivalent
34 vocational students;

35 (ii) Indirect cost charges, as defined by the superintendent of
36 public instruction, to vocational-secondary programs shall not exceed
37 10 percent; and

38 (iii) Vocational full-time equivalent enrollment shall be reported
39 on the same monthly basis as the enrollment for students eligible for

1 basic support, and payments shall be adjusted for reported vocational
2 enrollments on the same monthly basis as those adjustments for
3 enrollment for students eligible for basic support.

4 (d) For districts enrolling not more than twenty-five average
5 annual full-time equivalent students in grades K-8, and for small
6 school plants within any school district which have been judged to be
7 remote and necessary by the state board of education and enroll not
8 more than twenty-five average annual full-time equivalent students in
9 grades K-8:

10 (i) For those enrolling no students in grades 7 and 8, 1.76
11 certificated instructional staff units and 0.24 certificated
12 administrative staff units for enrollment of not more than five
13 students, plus one-twentieth of a certificated instructional staff unit
14 for each additional student enrolled; and

15 (ii) For those enrolling students in grades 7 or 8, 1.68
16 certificated instructional staff units and 0.32 certificated
17 administrative staff units for enrollment of not more than five
18 students, plus one-tenth of a certificated instructional staff unit for
19 each additional student enrolled;

20 (e) For specified enrollments in districts enrolling more than
21 twenty-five but not more than one hundred average annual full-time
22 equivalent students in grades K-8, and for small school plants within
23 any school district which enroll more than twenty-five average annual
24 full-time equivalent students in grades K-8 and have been judged to be
25 remote and necessary by the state board of education:

26 (i) For enrollment of up to sixty annual average full-time
27 equivalent students in grades K-6, 2.76 certificated instructional
28 staff units and 0.24 certificated administrative staff units; and

29 (ii) For enrollment of up to twenty annual average full-time
30 equivalent students in grades 7 and 8, 0.92 certificated instructional
31 staff units and 0.08 certificated administrative staff units;

32 (f) For districts operating no more than two high schools with
33 enrollments of less than three hundred average annual full-time
34 equivalent students, for enrollment in grades 9-12 in each such school,
35 other than alternative schools:

36 (i) For remote and necessary schools enrolling students in any
37 grades 9-12 but no more than twenty-five average annual full-time
38 equivalent students in grades K-12, four and one-half certificated

1 instructional staff units and one-quarter of a certificated
2 administrative staff unit;

3 (ii) For all other small high schools under this subsection, nine
4 certificated instructional staff units and one-half of a certificated
5 administrative staff unit for the first sixty average annual full time
6 equivalent students, and additional staff units based on a ratio of
7 0.8732 certificated instructional staff units and 0.1268 certificated
8 administrative staff units per each additional forty-three and one-half
9 average annual full time equivalent students.

10 Units calculated under (f)(ii) of this subsection shall be reduced
11 by certificated staff units at the rate of forty-six certificated
12 instructional staff units and four certificated administrative staff
13 units per thousand vocational full-time equivalent students.

14 (g) For each nonhigh school district having an enrollment of more
15 than seventy annual average full-time equivalent students and less than
16 one hundred eighty students, operating a grades K-8 program or a grades
17 1-8 program, an additional one-half of a certificated instructional
18 staff unit; and

19 (h) For each nonhigh school district having an enrollment of more
20 than fifty annual average full-time equivalent students and less than
21 one hundred eighty students, operating a grades K-6 program or a grades
22 1-6 program, an additional one-half of a certificated instructional
23 staff unit.

24 (3) Allocations for classified salaries for the 1999-00 and 2000-01
25 school years shall be calculated using formula-generated classified
26 staff units determined as follows:

27 (a) For enrollments generating certificated staff unit allocations
28 under subsection (2)(d) through (h) of this section, one classified
29 staff unit for each three certificated staff units allocated under such
30 subsections;

31 (b) For all other enrollment in grades K-12, including vocational
32 full-time equivalent enrollments, one classified staff unit for each
33 sixty average annual full-time equivalent students; and

34 (c) For each nonhigh school district with an enrollment of more
35 than fifty annual average full-time equivalent students and less than
36 one hundred eighty students, an additional one-half of a classified
37 staff unit.

38 (4) Fringe benefit allocations shall be calculated at a rate of
39 16.97 percent in the 1999-00 and 2000-01 school years for certificated

1 salary allocations provided under subsection (2) of this section, and
2 a rate of 15.75 percent in the 1999-00 and 2000-01 school years for
3 classified salary allocations provided under subsection (3) of this
4 section.

5 (5) Insurance benefit allocations shall be calculated at the
6 maintenance rate specified in section 504(2) of this act, based on the
7 number of benefit units determined as follows:

8 (a) The number of certificated staff units determined in subsection
9 (2) of this section; and

10 (b) The number of classified staff units determined in subsection
11 (3) of this section multiplied by 1.152. This factor is intended to
12 adjust allocations so that, for the purposes of distributing insurance
13 benefits, full-time equivalent classified employees may be calculated
14 on the basis of 1440 hours of work per year, with no individual
15 employee counted as more than one full-time equivalent.

16 (6)(a) For nonemployee-related costs associated with each
17 certificated staff unit allocated under subsection (2)(a), (b), and (d)
18 through (h) of this section, there shall be provided a maximum of
19 \$8,117 per certificated staff unit in the 1999-00 school year and a
20 maximum of \$8,271 per certificated staff unit in the 2000-01 school
21 year.

22 (b) For nonemployee-related costs associated with each vocational
23 certificated staff unit allocated under subsection (2)(c)(i)(A) of this
24 section, there shall be provided a maximum of \$19,933 per certificated
25 staff unit in the 1999-00 school year and a maximum of \$20,312 per
26 certificated staff unit in the 2000-01 school year.

27 (c) For nonemployee-related costs associated with each vocational
28 certificated staff unit allocated under subsection (2)(c)(i)(B) of this
29 section, there shall be provided a maximum of \$15,467 per certificated
30 staff unit in the 1999-00 school year and a maximum of \$15,761 per
31 certificated staff unit in the 2000-01 school year.

32 (7) Allocations for substitute costs for classroom teachers shall
33 be distributed at a maintenance rate of \$365.28 per allocated classroom
34 teachers exclusive of salary increase amounts provided in section 504
35 of this act. Solely for the purposes of this subsection, allocated
36 classroom teachers shall be equal to the number of certificated
37 instructional staff units allocated under subsection (2) of this
38 section, multiplied by the ratio between the number of actual basic
39 education certificated teachers and the number of actual basic

1 education certificated instructional staff reported state-wide for the
2 1998-99 school year.

3 (8) Any school district board of directors may petition the
4 superintendent of public instruction by submission of a resolution
5 adopted in a public meeting to reduce or delay any portion of its basic
6 education allocation for any school year. The superintendent of public
7 instruction shall approve such reduction or delay if it does not impair
8 the district's financial condition. Any delay shall not be for more
9 than two school years. Any reduction or delay shall have no impact on
10 levy authority pursuant to RCW 84.52.0531 and local effort assistance
11 pursuant to chapter 28A.500 RCW.

12 (9) The superintendent may distribute a maximum of \$6,444,000
13 outside the basic education formula during fiscal years 2000 and 2001
14 as follows:

15 (a) For fire protection for school districts located in a fire
16 protection district as now or hereafter established pursuant to chapter
17 52.04 RCW, a maximum of \$457,000 may be expended in fiscal year 2000
18 and a maximum of \$466,000 may be expended in fiscal year 2001;

19 (b) For summer vocational programs at skills centers, a maximum of
20 \$2,098,000 may be expended each fiscal year;

21 (c) A maximum of \$325,000 may be expended for school district
22 emergencies; and

23 (d) A maximum of \$500,000 per fiscal year may be expended for
24 programs providing skills training for secondary students who are
25 enrolled in extended day school-to-work programs, as approved by the
26 superintendent of public instruction. The funds shall be allocated at
27 a rate not to exceed \$500 per full-time equivalent student enrolled in
28 those programs.

29 (10) For the purposes of RCW 84.52.0531, the increase per full-time
30 equivalent student in state basic education appropriations provided
31 under this act, including appropriations for salary and benefits
32 increases, is 4.1 percent from the 1998-99 school year to the 1999-00
33 school year, and 3.4 percent from the 1999-00 school year to the
34 2000-01 school year.

35 (11) If two or more school districts consolidate and each district
36 was receiving additional basic education formula staff units pursuant
37 to subsection (2)(b) through (h) of this section, the following shall
38 apply:

1 (a) For three school years following consolidation, the number of
2 basic education formula staff units shall not be less than the number
3 of basic education formula staff units received by the districts in the
4 school year prior to the consolidation; and

5 (b) For the fourth through eighth school years following
6 consolidation, the difference between the basic education formula staff
7 units received by the districts for the school year prior to
8 consolidation and the basic education formula staff units after
9 consolidation pursuant to subsection (2)(a) through (h) of this section
10 shall be reduced in increments of twenty percent per year.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
14 July 1, 1999.

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