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SENATE BILL 6488

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By Senator McCaslin

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to special levies for school counselors; and  
2 amending RCW 84.52.0531.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 1997 c 259 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section for one-year  
7 levies for school counselor programs, the maximum dollar amount which  
8 may be levied by or for any school district for maintenance and  
9 operation support under the provisions of RCW 84.52.053 shall be  
10 determined as follows:

11 (1) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1997, the  
12 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and  
13 rules in effect in November 1996.

14 (2) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1998 and  
15 thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the sum of (a) plus or  
16 minus (b) and (c) of this subsection minus (d) of this subsection:

17 (a) The district's levy base as defined in subsection (3) of this  
18 section multiplied by the district's maximum levy percentage as defined  
19 in subsection (4) of this section;

1 (b) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the high school  
2 district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced and the nonhigh school  
3 district's maximum levy amount shall be increased by an amount equal to  
4 the estimated amount of the nonhigh payment due to the high school  
5 district under RCW 28A.545.030(3) and 28A.545.050 for the school year  
6 commencing the year of the levy;

7 (c) For districts in an interdistrict cooperative agreement, the  
8 nonresident school district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced and  
9 the resident school district's maximum levy amount shall be increased  
10 by an amount equal to the per pupil basic education allocation included  
11 in the nonresident district's levy base under subsection (3) of this  
12 section multiplied by:

13 (i) The number of full-time equivalent students served from the  
14 resident district in the prior school year; multiplied by:

15 (ii) The serving district's maximum levy percentage determined  
16 under subsection (4) of this section; increased by:

17 (iii) The percent increase per full-time equivalent student as  
18 stated in the state basic education appropriation section of the  
19 biennial budget between the prior school year and the current school  
20 year divided by fifty-five percent;

21 (d) The district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced by the  
22 maximum amount of state matching funds for which the district is  
23 eligible under RCW 28A.500.010.

24 (3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1998 and  
25 thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of allocations in  
26 (a) through (c) of this subsection received by the district for the  
27 prior school year, including allocations for compensation increases,  
28 plus the sum of such allocations multiplied by the percent increase per  
29 full time equivalent student as stated in the state basic education  
30 appropriation section of the biennial budget between the prior school  
31 year and the current school year and divided by fifty-five percent. A  
32 district's levy base shall not include local school district property  
33 tax levies or other local revenues, or state and federal allocations  
34 not identified in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

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

37 (b) State and federal categorical allocations for the following  
38 programs:

39 (i) Pupil transportation;

1 (ii) Special education;  
2 (iii) Education of highly capable students;  
3 (iv) Compensatory education, including but not limited to learning  
4 assistance, migrant education, Indian education, refugee programs, and  
5 bilingual education;  
6 (v) Food services; and  
7 (vi) State-wide block grant programs; and  
8 (c) Any other federal allocations for elementary and secondary  
9 school programs, including direct grants, other than federal impact aid  
10 funds and allocations in lieu of taxes.

11 (4) A district's maximum levy percentage shall be twenty-two  
12 percent in 1998 and twenty-four percent in 1999 and every year  
13 thereafter; plus, for qualifying districts, the grandfathered  
14 percentage determined as follows:

15 (a) For 1997, the difference between the district's 1993 maximum  
16 levy percentage and twenty percent; and

17 (b) For 1998 and thereafter, the percentage calculated as follows:

18 (i) Multiply the grandfathered percentage for the prior year times  
19 the district's levy base determined under subsection (3) of this  
20 section;

21 (ii) Reduce the result of (b)(i) of this subsection by any levy  
22 reduction funds as defined in subsection (~~(+5)~~) (6) of this section  
23 that are to be allocated to the district for the current school year;

24 (iii) Divide the result of (b)(ii) of this subsection by the  
25 district's levy base; and

26 (iv) Take the greater of zero or the percentage calculated in  
27 (b)(iii) of this subsection.

28 (5) In accordance with RCW 84.52.053, an additional one-year levy  
29 may be imposed to support school counselor programs in an amount  
30 necessary to provide one school counselor for every elementary school  
31 in the school district to serve students in grades kindergarten through  
32 six.

33 (6) "Levy reduction funds" shall mean increases in state funds from  
34 the prior school year for programs included under subsection (3) of  
35 this section: (a) That are not attributable to enrollment changes,  
36 compensation increases, or inflationary adjustments; and (b) that are  
37 or were specifically identified as levy reduction funds in the  
38 appropriations act. If levy reduction funds are dependent on formula  
39 factors which would not be finalized until after the start of the

1 current school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall  
2 estimate the total amount of levy reduction funds by using prior school  
3 year data in place of current school year data. Levy reduction funds  
4 shall not include moneys received by school districts from cities or  
5 counties.

6 ~~((+6))~~ (7) For the purposes of this section, "prior school year"  
7 means the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which  
8 the levies are to be collected.

9 ~~((+7))~~ (8) For the purposes of this section, "current school year"  
10 means the year immediately following the prior school year.

11 ~~((+8))~~ (9) Funds collected from transportation vehicle fund tax  
12 levies shall not be subject to the levy limitations in this section.

13 ~~((+9))~~ (10) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop  
14 rules and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data  
15 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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