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1 AN ACT Relating to state forest land revenues for school districts;
2 and amending RCW 28A.150.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.250 and 1990 c 33 s 107 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 From those funds made available by the legislature for the current
7 use of the common schools, the superintendent of public instruction
8 shall distribute annually as provided in RCW 28A.510.250 to each school
9 district of the state operating a program approved by the state board
10 of education an amount which, when combined with an appropriate portion
11 of such locally available revenues, other than receipts from federal
12 forest revenues distributed to school districts pursuant to RCW
13 28A.520.010 and 28A.520.020, as the superintendent of public
14 instruction may deem appropriate for consideration in computing state
15 equalization support, excluding excess property tax levies and state
16 forest land revenues received pursuant to RCW 79.64.110, will
17 constitute a basic education allocation in dollars for each annual
18 average full-time equivalent student enrolled, based upon one full

1 school year of one hundred eighty days, except that for kindergartens
2 one full school year shall be one hundred eighty half days of
3 instruction, or the equivalent as provided in RCW 28A.150.220.

4 Basic education shall be considered to be fully funded by those
5 amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature pursuant to RCW
6 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260 to fund those program requirements
7 identified in RCW 28A.150.220 in accordance with the formula and ratios
8 provided in RCW 28A.150.260 and those amounts of dollars appropriated
9 by the legislature to fund the salary requirements of RCW 28A.150.100
10 and 28A.150.410.

11 Operation of a program approved by the state board of education,
12 for the purposes of this section, shall include a finding that the
13 ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through
14 three is not greater than the ratio of students per classroom teacher
15 in grades four and above for such district: PROVIDED, That for the
16 purposes of this section, "classroom teacher" shall be defined as an
17 instructional employee possessing at least a provisional certificate,
18 but not necessarily employed as a certificated employee, whose primary
19 duty is the daily educational instruction of students: PROVIDED
20 FURTHER, That the state board of education shall adopt rules and
21 regulations to insure compliance with the student/teacher ratio
22 provisions of this section, and such rules and regulations shall allow
23 for exemptions for those special programs and/or school districts which
24 may be deemed unable to practicably meet the student/teacher ratio
25 requirements of this section by virtue of a small number of students.

26 If a school district's basic education program fails to meet the
27 basic education requirements enumerated in RCW 28A.150.250,
28 28A.150.260, and 28A.150.220, the state board of education shall
29 require the superintendent of public instruction to withhold state
30 funds in whole or in part for the basic education allocation until
31 program compliance is assured: PROVIDED, That the state board of
32 education may waive this requirement in the event of substantial lack
33 of classroom space.

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