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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5801**

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**State of Washington                      61st Legislature                      2009 Regular Session**

**By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Jarrett, Sheldon, Shin, and McDermott)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to basic education allocations for tribal schools;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            Federally recognized Indian tribes providing K-12 education that  
7 elect to receive funding directly from the superintendent of public  
8 instruction shall report their student full-time equivalent served to  
9 the superintendent of public instruction.    The office of the  
10 superintendent of public instruction shall provide funding directly to  
11 the tribal schools using the state average basic education and  
12 vocational education rates as used in the running start funding for  
13 community and technical colleges.    In addition to the basic education  
14 moneys, tribal schools shall also receive the student achievement  
15 funding provided under RCW 28A.505.220.

16            A federally recognized Indian tribe operating a tribal school may  
17 choose to continue to receive allocations through a school district  
18 pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the district.

1        Before any allocation of basic education moneys are paid directly  
2 to a serving tribe, the superintendent of public instruction shall  
3 enter into an agreement with the serving tribe. The agreement must  
4 include required compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

5        The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall meet  
6 with the tribes in accordance with the centennial accord and on a  
7 government-to-government basis to develop a long-term proposal for the  
8 Washington state public education system and tribal schools.

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