
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6129

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters; amending RCW 28A.400.205,
2 28B.50.465, and 28B.50.468; providing an effective date; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.400.205 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 20 s 1 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) School district employees shall be provided an annual salary
8 cost-of-living increase in accordance with this section.

9 (a) The cost-of-living increase shall be calculated by applying the
10 rate of the yearly increase in the cost-of-living index to any state-
11 funded salary base used in state funding formulas for teachers and
12 other school district employees. Beginning with the 2001-02 school
13 year, and for each subsequent school year, except for the ((2003-04))
14 2009-10 and ((2004-05)) 2010-11 school years, each school district
15 shall be provided a cost-of-living allocation sufficient to grant this
16 cost-of-living increase.

17 (b) A school district shall distribute its cost-of-living
18 allocation for salaries and salary-related benefits in accordance with
19 the district's salary schedules, collective bargaining agreements, and

1 compensation policies. No later than the end of the school year, each
2 school district shall certify to the superintendent of public
3 instruction that it has spent funds provided for cost-of-living
4 increases on salaries and salary-related benefits.

5 (c) Any funded cost-of-living increase shall be included in the
6 salary base used to determine cost-of-living increases for school
7 employees in subsequent years. For teachers and other certificated
8 instructional staff, the rate of the annual cost-of-living increase
9 funded for certificated instructional staff shall be applied to the
10 base salary used with the statewide salary allocation schedule
11 established under RCW 28A.150.410 and to any other salary models used
12 to recognize school district personnel costs.

13 (d) In addition to the cost-of-living allocations required by (a)
14 of this subsection, beginning in the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium and
15 thereafter the legislature shall provide on an expedited basis, to the
16 extent financially feasible, additional cost-of-living allocations
17 equal to what would have been received if cost-of-living allocations
18 had not been suspended during the 2009-10 or 2010-11 school year.

19 (2) For the purposes of this section, "cost-of-living index" means,
20 for any school year, the previous calendar year's annual average
21 consumer price index, using the official current base, compiled by the
22 bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor for the
23 state of Washington. If the bureau of labor statistics develops more
24 than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the index
25 covering the greatest number of people, covering areas exclusively
26 within the boundaries of the state, and including all items shall be
27 used for the cost-of-living index in this section.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.50.465 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 20 s 3 are each
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (1) Academic employees of community and technical college districts
31 shall be provided an annual salary cost-of-living increase in
32 accordance with this section. For purposes of this section, "academic
33 employee" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 28B.52.020.

34 (a) Beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and for each
35 subsequent fiscal year, except as provided in (d) of this subsection,
36 each college district shall receive a cost-of-living allocation

1 sufficient to increase academic employee salaries, including mandatory
2 salary-related benefits, by the rate of the yearly increase in the
3 cost-of-living index.

4 (b) A college district shall distribute its cost-of-living
5 allocation for salaries and salary-related benefits in accordance with
6 the district's salary schedules, collective bargaining agreements, and
7 other compensation policies. No later than the end of the fiscal year,
8 each college district shall certify to the college board that it has
9 spent funds provided for cost-of-living increases on salaries and
10 salary-related benefits.

11 (c) The college board shall include any funded cost-of-living
12 increase in the salary base used to determine cost-of-living increases
13 for academic employees in subsequent years.

14 (d) Beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and for each
15 subsequent fiscal year except for the ((2003-04)) 2009-2010 and ((2004-
16 05)) 2010-2011 fiscal years, the state shall fully fund the cost-of-
17 living increase set forth in this section.

18 (e) In addition to the cost-of-living allocations required by (a)
19 of this subsection, beginning in the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium and
20 thereafter the legislature shall provide on an expedited basis, to the
21 extent financially feasible, additional cost-of-living allocations
22 equal to what would have been received if cost-of-living allocations
23 had not been suspended during the 2009-10 or 2010-11 school year.

24 (2) For the purposes of this section, "cost-of-living index" means,
25 for any fiscal year, the previous calendar year's annual average
26 consumer price index, using the official current base, compiled by the
27 bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor for the
28 state of Washington. If the bureau of labor statistics develops more
29 than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the index
30 covering the greatest number of people, covering areas exclusively
31 within the boundaries of the state, and including all items shall be
32 used for the cost-of-living index in this section.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.50.468 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 20 s 4 are each
34 amended to read as follows:

35 (1) Classified employees of technical colleges shall be provided an
36 annual salary cost-of-living increase in accordance with this section.

1 For purposes of this section, "technical college" has the same meaning
2 as defined in RCW 28B.50.030. This section applies to only those
3 classified employees under the jurisdiction of chapter 41.56 RCW.

4 (a) Beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and for each
5 subsequent fiscal year, except as provided in (d) of this subsection,
6 each technical college board of trustees shall receive a cost-of-living
7 allocation sufficient to increase classified employee salaries,
8 including mandatory salary-related benefits, by the rate of the yearly
9 increase in the cost-of-living index.

10 (b) A technical college board of trustees shall distribute its
11 cost-of-living allocation for salaries and salary-related benefits in
12 accordance with the technical college's salary schedules, collective
13 bargaining agreements, and other compensation policies. No later than
14 the end of the fiscal year, each technical college shall certify to the
15 college board that it has spent funds provided for cost-of-living
16 increases on salaries and salary-related benefits.

17 (c) The college board shall include any funded cost-of-living
18 increase in the salary base used to determine cost-of-living increases
19 for technical college classified employees in subsequent years.

20 (d) Beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and for each
21 subsequent fiscal year except for the (~~2003-2004~~) 2009-2010 and
22 (~~2004-2005~~) 2010-2011 fiscal years, the state shall fully fund the
23 cost-of-living increase set forth in this section.

24 (e) In addition to the cost-of-living allocations required by (a)
25 of this subsection, beginning in the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium and
26 thereafter the legislature shall provide on an expedited basis, to the
27 extent financially feasible, additional cost-of-living allocations
28 equal to what would have been received if cost-of-living allocations
29 had not been suspended during the 2009-10 or 2010-11 school year.

30 (2) For the purposes of this section, "cost-of-living index" means,
31 for any fiscal year, the previous calendar year's annual average
32 consumer price index, using the official current base, compiled by the
33 bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor for the
34 state of Washington. If the bureau of labor statistics develops more
35 than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the index
36 covering the greatest number of people, covering areas exclusively
37 within the boundaries of the state, and including all items shall be
38 used for the cost-of-living index in this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 2009.

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